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OREGON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session, held at Roseburg, Oregon, April 29–May 3, 1903

OFFICERS

E. P. HART, *President.* H. V. HASLAM, *Secretary and Treasurer.*
G. W. BONDURANT, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, W. E. Goode, W. Pearce.
On Education—J. Glen, T. H. Symms, F. L. Rugg.
On Publications—W. Pearce, W. E. Goode, C. W. Myers.
On Reforms—H. V. Haslam, J. H. Brown, C. G. Briscoe.
On Sunday-schools—W. E. Goode, J. L. Guttry, C. E. Rowley, S. P. Crawford.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—G. W. Bondurant, J. Glen, D. C. Newell.
On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—O. N. Blair, C. G. Briscoe.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Receive Conference Moneys—H. V. Haslam, G. W. Bondurant.
On the State of the Work—W. Pearce, W. E. Goode, J. H. Brown.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. Glen, E. I. Harrington, W. Barrett, J. Graham, S. P. Crawford.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. Pearce, three years; W. E. Goode, two years; H. V. Haslam, one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants'; third quarter, General Superintendents' and Conference Missions; fourth quarter, Foreign Missions.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—J. Glen.
On Publications—W. Pearce.
On Reforms—H. V. Haslam.
On Sunday-schools—W. E. Goode.
On State of the Work—The district elders.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. Glen, W. Barrett, T. H. Symms, G. W. Bondurant, W. E. Goode, R. H. Dollarhide, H. V. Haslam, P. A. Scott, J. G. Tunison, D. J. Goode, W. Pearce, J. H. Brown, H. J. Blair, E. I. Harrington,

DELEGATES

C. G. Briscoe, Lulu Cox, F. L. Rugg, J. L. Guttry, Eli Rowley, C. W. Myers, J. M. Reese, Martha N. Brown, Jacob Dixon, Mrs. W. I. McNutt, H. F. Smith, Samuel Schulze, S. P. Crawford J. Graham,

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, W. Pearce, W. E. Goode, J. H. Brown, C. G. Briscoe, C. W. Myers, Eli Rowley.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? O. N. Blair.

4. Who remain on trial? W. J. Johnston, H. Bowman, D. C. Newell, M. D. Wilson.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? G. W. Bondurant, E. I. Harrington.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? P. A. Scott.

9. None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? D. J. Goode, W. Barrett.

11, 12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16-20, 23. See statistical and financial reports.

21. None.

22. $36.00.

24. See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Portland, Oregon, in connection with a camp-meeting in June, 1904.

APPOINTMENTS

PORTLAND DISTRICT—W. Pearce, District Elder, Clackamas, Oregon.

Portland, West Portland, Ziontown and Beaverton ..... H. V. Haslam, 333 E. Ninth St., Portland, Oregon
Central ..... D. C. Newell, Central, "
Gresham, Pleasant Valley, Sunnyside and Damascus ..... H. Bowman, Sunnyside, "
Forest Grove and Reedville ..... T. H. Symms, Forest Grove, "
Bethany ..... W. J. Johnson, Phillips, "

W. Barrett, superannuated, Portland, Oregon; P. A. Scott, located, member at Portland, Oregon; J. G. Tunison, left without appointment.

SALEM DISTRICT—William Pearce, District Elder.

Salem and Aumsville ..... To be supplied
Dayton and Newburg ..... To be supplied
Woodburn, Scotts Mills and Meadowbrook ..... O. N. Blair, Woodburn, Oregon
Falls City and Mill Creek ..... G. W. Bondurant, Falls City, "
Lacomb, Aberdeen and Albany ..... E. I. Harrington, Lacomb, "
Sodaville ..... To be supplied
Beaver and Blaine ..... C. H. Purcell, supply

D. J. Goode, superannuated, Aumsville, Oregon; J. Glen, evangelist, Dayton, "

EUGENE DISTRICT—R. H. Dollarhide, District Elder.

Eugene, Springfield and Thurston ..... H. J. Blair, Malinda J. Blair, supply, Springfield, Oregon
Parson Creek, Wendling and Trent Mills ..... W. Gatts, supply, Marcola, "
Myrtle Creek, Canyonville and Riddle ..... F. B. Creecy, supply. Myrtle Creek, "
Roseburg ..... J. H. Brown, Martha N. Brown, supply, Roseburg, "
Cottage Grove, Comstock and Scotts Valley ..... J. M. Reese, supply, Roseburg, "

GRANTS PASS DISTRICT—R. H. Dollarhide, District Elder.

Grants Pass and Centennial schoolhouse ..... C. W. Myers, supply, Grants Pass, Oregon
Applegate, Williams Creek and Wilderville .. Mary H. Hickman, supply, Grants Pass, "
Golden, Glendale and Placer ..... M. D. Wilson, Talent, "
Ashland, Phoenix and Medford .... W. E. Goode, Francis Smith, supply, Medford, "
Eagle Point ..... A. W. Countryman, supply, Eagle Point, "

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

R. Pettyjohn.....Newburg, Oregon
J. W. Eldredge.....Sherwood, "
B. L. Knoll.....Clackamas, "
Nancy E. Mason.....Dayton, "
T. O. Allison.....Dayton, "
A. Lingren.....Central, "
Uvilla C. Reese.....Roseburg, "
D. M. Cathey.....Gresham, "
C. G. Rambo.....Springfield, "
G. W. Billmire.....Eugene, "
M. V. Creecy.....Halsey, "
M. F. Green.....Comstock, "
M. C. Davis.....Golden, "
J. A. Goode.....Aumsville, Oregon
Harry Kreider.....Forest Grove, "
Alma K. Pearce.....Clackamas, "
J. W. Hasley.....Lacomb, "
C. A. Willey.....Oregon City, "
Sidney Scott.....Central, "
Frank Sigsbee.....Mt. Tabor, "
Herman Schulze.....Phillips, "
W. J. Bowerman.....Sunnyside, "
William Platt.....Thurston, "
Maggie Crawford.....Springfield, "
J. H. Bogue.....Myrtle Creek, "
A. W. Countryman.....Ashland, "
H. H. Starr.....Falls City, Oregon.

MISCELLANEOUS

Four sittings of the conference were held, and the business was transacted with unusual dispatch. General Superintendent E. P. Hart ministered to us in the Spirit and his sermons and addresses were greatly enjoyed.

The new church in Roseburg, in which the conference met, was dedicated by E. P. Hart on Sunday morning after a debt of one hundred dollars had been cleared.

Rev. A. Beers of the Washington conference was a welcome visitor.

Rev. Clyde R. Ebey of the Southern California conference was present as the agent of the Publishing House and did a good business in books and other supplies.

The W. F. M. S. held their annual business meeting and elected the following officers: Alma K. Pearce, president; Hattie Wrage, secretary; Winnie Cathey Bowman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. V. Haslam, treasurer. They reported having raised $422.20 for foreign missionary work during the year including a missionary box and the support of orphans.

W. Pearce was elected ministerial delegate to the general conference and J. Glen, reserve; D. M. Cathey lay delegate and Alma K. Pearce, reserve.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I. ON FINANCE.

General Superintendents' Fund—Apportionment, $69.84.
By cash and receipts, $60.66. Deficiency (raised at conference), $9.19. Total $69.85.
General Missions' Fund—Apportionment, $58.20.
By cash and receipts, $51.30. Deficiency (raised at conference), $6.90. Total $58.20.
Conference Claimants' Fund—Apportionment, $116.40.
By cash and receipts, $102.09. Deficiency (raised at conference), $14.31. Total $116.40.
General Conference Delegates' Fund—Apportionment, $58.20.
Raised last year, $22.21. By cash and receipts, $29.95. Deficiency (raised at conference), $6.04. Total $58.20.
Church Extension Fund—Apportionment, $38.80.
By cash and receipts, $29.62. Deficiency $9.18.
Conference Missions—Apportionment, $38.80.
By cash, $26.51. Deficiency $12.29.
Foreign Missions—By cash and receipts, $14.75.
Educational Fund—$1.15.
Children's Fund—$.50.
Raised to Publish Minutes—$16.45.

II. ON REFORMS.

All genuine reforms have their foundation in pure religion. None will, or can be permanent which have their basis in unregenerate human nature. That which is deformed and corrupt must be transformed and purified in order to become the agent of successful and continued reformation.

The church of Christ is primarily the only real reforming agency the world has; and in proportion as she maintains the standard and spirit of pure religion is her power and influence for all true reforms felt in the world, both directly and indirectly; but when *she* lowers the standard, and loses the spirit of true Christianity, reforms languish, and corrup-

tion and wrong increase and prevail. This being the case how important it is that the church should take her position in the vanguard of reforms, by seeing to it that she is filled with the Spirit of the divine Leader, who hated sin and wrong and rebuked it with unsparing severity, uncovering and revealing not only the nature of its outward manifestation, but its hidden and underlying spring, and applying the remedy there; and doing it all in the spirit that said to the wrong-doer, "While I hate and rebuke your sin and cannot countenance it, yet I love you, and would deliver you from its curse and ruin," and who could say to his opposers with telling effect, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" and of whom Pilate said, "I find no fault in him," though he uttered no word in self defense.

Possessed with this spirit, the attitude of the church will be one of perpetual hostility to the spirit of evil, and to all its various manifestations, from the vilest to the most popular and respectable, as the true light reveals them. To the liquor traffic, and its attendant vices, she will be a relentless and uncompromising foe, fighting it with the ballot and in every other legitimate way, to a decided finish.

With organized secrecy in all of its branches she will have no fellowship, because of its dark and hidden ways, and its exclusive selfishness; for she is the "light of the world;" and the cross, as the symbol of self-sacrifice, is emblazoned on her standards, and is her watchward in the conflict.

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Sabbath desecration gets no countenance from her, for is not "the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable," in which she is rejoiced to honor God, not doing her own ways, nor finding her own pleasure, nor speaking her own words?"

Thus by her example, and by words of counsel and rebuke the church of the living God bears witness against all unrighteousness, and leads the hosts of reform in the conflict, toward certain and final victory, as she goes "forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PORTLAND DISTRICT											
Portland, West Portland, etc.	.....	....	$ 50 85	....	$ 495 00	$ 76 50	$ 3 65	1	$ 2400	1	$ 1000
Central	$ 50	$ 50	36 12	.....	213 00	66 86	20 00	1	800	1	1200
Gresham, Sunnyside, etc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	205 00	92 25	.....	2	1700	1	650
Forest Grove and Reedville	.....	....	4 00	.....	197 60	36 00	.....	1	1000	..	.....
Bethany	.....	.....	9 00	.....	96 25	23 35	6 00	1	500	..	.....
SALEM DISTRICT											
Salem and Aumsville	.....	....	17 76	.....	161 52	29 35	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Dayton, Newburg and Sherwood	65	.....	19 46	....	278 84	43 66	.....	2	1400	..	.....
Woodburn, Scotts Mills, etc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 53	20 96	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Falls City and Harmony	.....	.....	9 60	....	171 37	33 30	7 81	1	600	1	500
Lacomb and Albany	....	.....	10 00	.....	200 00	24 94	.....	1	500	1	400
Sodaville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	400	..	.....
Beaver and Blaine	.....	.....	6 00	.....	96 90	10 45	.....	1	300	1	100
EUGENE DISTRICT											
Eugene, Oak Hill and Coburg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Springfield and Thurston	.....	.....	8 36	.....	52 00	20 00	.....	1	500	1	200
Marcola, Wendling, etc	.....	.....	.....	.....	103 71	25 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
GRANTS PASS DISTRICT											
Grants Pass, etc.	....	.....	9 60	.....	101 71	48 80	8 75	1	300	..	.....
Golden, Glendale and Placer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Roseburg	.....	.....	.....	.....	113 00	14 00	.....	1	600	..	.....
Cottage Grove, Comstock, etc.	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
ASHLAND DISTRICT											
Ashland, Klamath Falls, etc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	32 15	35 00	..	.....	..	.....
Medford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00	11 00	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 1 15	$ 50	$ 180 75	.....	$2610 43	$ 619 07	$ 92 21	15	$ 11000	7	$ 4050

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE

PORTLAND, SALEM, EUGENE, GRANTS PASS AND ASHLAND DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PORTLAND DISTRICT	W. Pearce, District Elder																	$ 78 73
Portland, West Portland, etc	H. V. Haslam	48	12	60	..	1	2	13	88	9	$ 10 20	$ 6 12	$ 3 40	$ 5 10	$ 3 40	$ 15	.....	51 79
Central	J. Glen	31	3	34	3	..	1	7	45	4	7 20	4 32	1 00	3 60	2 40	90	$ 50	26 62
Gresham, Sunnyside, etc	H. Bowman	41	3	44	3	..	2	10	40	10	12 30	7 38	4 10	6 15	4 10	6 15	.....	7 35
Forest Grove and Reedville	G. W. Bondurant	19	7	26	1	..	2	8	32	6	4 80	2 88	1 60	2 40	1 60	2 40	.....	16 27
Bethany	W. J. Johnston	13	1	14	1	..	1	5	14	3	3 90	2 34	1 51	1 95	1 30	15	.....	20 00
SALEM DISTRICT	W. Pearce, District Elder																	14 24
Salem and Aumsville	R. H. Dollarhide	27	1	28	2	..	1	7	40	6	5 40	3 24	1 80	2 70	1 80	.....	72	.....
Dayton, Newburg and Sherwood	D. C. Newell	33	...	33	3	1	2	8	46	9	8 40	5 00	2 80	5 60	2 80	4 20	3 20	11 70
Woodburn, Scotts Mills, etc	C. H. Purcell, supply	20	1	21	1	..	....	....	....	7	4 80	2 88	1 60	2 40	1 60	2 40	.....	3 10
Falls City and Harmony	T. H. Symms	21	3	24	1	..	1	3	19	9	6 00	3 60	2 00	3 00	2 00	60	3 58	9 10
Lacomb and Albany	E. L. Harrington	31	4	35	2	..	1	4	16	8	7 50	4 50	.....	3 75	1 00	60	.....	5 60
Sodaville	Supplied	3	...	3	..	..	..	....	....	1	90	55	.....	45	....	...	.....	.....
Beaver and Blaine	H. J. Blair, Malinda Blair, sup.	13	1	14	..	1	1	4	20	3	6 30	4 00	1 90	3 40	1 90	50	.....	5 00
EUGENE DISTRICT	J. H. Brown, District Elder																	4 92
Eugene, Oak Hill and Coburg	Supplied	8	...	8	1	..	..	....	....	2	1 98	1 08	60	90	60	90	.....	.....
Springfield and Thurston	J. H. Brown	29	...	29	4	2	1	3	15	6	5 94	3 24	1 80	2 70	1 80	2 70	1 75	5 30
Marcola, Wendling, etc	O. N. Blair, F. B. Creecy, sup.	7	...	7	..	..	..	....	....	3	2 95	1 62	.....	1 00	50	1 00	5 00	.....
GRANTS PASS DISTRICT	W. E. Goode, District Elder																	
Grants Pass, etc	M. D. Wilson, supply	16	1	17	1	..	1	4	24	1	4 80	2 88	1 60	2 40	1 60	2 50	.....	.....
Golden, Glendale and Placer	Francis Smith, supply	7	..	7	1	..	..	....	....	....	32	18	10	15	10	15	.....	.....
Roseburg	Urilla C. Reese, supply	11	2	13	1	1	1	4	30	2	3 30	1 98	.....	1 65	42	1 65	.....	1 31
Cottage Grove, Comstock, etc	M. F. Green	9	...	9	1	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ASHLAND DISTRICT	W. E. Goode, District Elder																	
Ashland, Klamath Falls, etc	C. G. Rambo, supply	14	1	15	1	..	1	7	20	1	2 10	1 26	70	1 05	70	1 05	.....	.....
Medford	Supplied	15	2	17	1	..	..	....	....	3	3 00	1 60	.....	95	.....	1 95	.....	.....
Raised at conference		....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	14 31	9 19	.....	6 90	.....	6 04	.....	31 17
Total		416	42	458	28	6	18	87	449	93	$ 116 40	$ 69 84	$ 26 51	$ 58 20	$ 29 62	$ 35 99	$ 14 75	$292 20

Orphans' fund $21.50

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-first Annual Session, held at San Jose, California, May 6–9, 1903

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

H. H. FARNHAM, *Secretary.* W. C. GRAVES, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. C. GRAVES, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, G. W. Griffith, J. E. Cochran.
On Reforms—C. H. Loomis, J. E. Cochran, D. P. Reed.
On Publications—W. D. Bishop, M. L. Winegarden, Clifford Clark.
On Sunday-schools—H. H. Farnham, N. S. Honn, Anna Stuart.
On State of the Work—G. W. Griffith, C. V. Carpenter, Martha B. Hart.
On Education—W. C. Graves, G. W. Griffith, N. Alice Philbert.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—C. V. Carpenter.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—M. L. Winegarden, W. D. Bishop.
On Home Missions—The stationing committee.
On Conference Claims and Claimants—G. W. Griffith, W. D. Bishop, H. L. Kibby, Jasper Johnson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. W. Griffith, president, two years; W. C. Graves, secretary, one year; C. H. Loomis, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

G. W. Griffith, president; W. C. Graves, secretary; M. L. Winegarden, treasurer; H. L. Kibby, D. P. Reed.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—C. V. Carpenter. On State of the Work—C. H. Loomis.
On Publications—G. W. Griffith. On Education—M. L. Winegarden.
On Sunday-schools—W. D. Bishop.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

First quarter, Conference Missions (35 cents); second quarter, General Missions (15 cents); General Superintendents, (18 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants (30 cents); fourth quarter, Church Extension (10 cents); Foreign Missions.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. Mary E. Griffith, president, 1360 Broadway, Alameda, California; Mrs. Alice Honn, first vice-president, 364 South Eighth street, San Jose, California; Miss N. Alice Philbert, second vice-president, Gilroy, California; Mrs. Carrie M. Carpenter, recording secretary, Oakdale, California; Miss L. Anna Stuart, corresponding secretary, Oakdale, California.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. P. Hart, C. H. Loomis, G. W. Griffith, C. V. Carpenter, M. L. Winegarden, W. D. Bishop, J. E. Cochran, W. C. Graves, N. S. Honn.

DELEGATES

Clifford Clark, Cynthia Vanderpool, Martha B. Hart, L. Anna Stuart, H. L. Kibby, D. P. Reed, Jasper Johnson, N. Alice Philbert, Daisy Dobbins.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, G. W. Griffith, H. L. Kibby.

3. None.

4. Who remain on trial? W. C. Simpson, H. W. Dobbins, and H. H. Farnham, an ordained local elder.

5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? W. C. Graves, C. V. Carpenter.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. D. Bishop, H. H. Farnham.

10, 11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. H. Horton.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16–20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? $262.50.

22. What amount is necessary for us to raise toward defraying the expenses of delegates to the general conference? $38.40.

23. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? $38.40.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? It was left with a committee composed of the following persons: G. W. Griffith, M. L. Winegarden, C. W. McRae, J. E. Cochran and the general superintendent who is to hold the conference.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-first session of this conference convened at San Jose, California, May 6-9, 1903. There was a large attendance, especially of residents of the city. The sittings of the conference and religious services were characterized by much of the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. Not a note of discord was heard, the services being sessions of salvation, at nearly every one of which, seekers were at the altar. General Superintendent Hart presided with great acceptability and his preaching was with power. We enjoyed his presence with us.

G. W. Griffith was elected ministerial delegate to the general conference and M. L. Winegarden reserve. H. L. Kibby was elected lay delegate and Mrs. G. W. Griffith reserve. Mrs. G. W. Griffith was elected by the W. F. M. S. as delegate and Miss L. Anne Stuart reserve.

A public W. F. M. S. meeting was held on Sunday afternoon. Clyde R. Ebey preached an excellent sermon on the occasion, after which a collection of over $30.00 was received.

A vote of thanks was tendered the general superintendent, the pastor and members at San Jose, the friends and the secretaries for their labors and kind interest taken in the entertainment and work of the conference.

Prof. J. G. Baird of Los Angeles was introduced to the conference and invited to an

honorary seat, after which he addressed the conference upon the contemplated Free Methodist seminary at Los Angeles and asked the hearty co-operation of this conference which was granted. G. W. Griffith, H. L. Kibby and M. L. Winegarden were elected as trustees of the new seminary board.

APPOINTMENTS

SAN JOSE DISTRICT—G. W. Griffith, District Elder, 1360 Broadway, Alameda, California.

Alameda ..... M. L. Winegarden, 1414 Park Ave., Alameda, California
San Jose ..... W. C. Graves, 112 N. 9th St., San Jose, "
San Jose, Chinese Mission ..... N. S. Honn, "
Gilroy and Morgan Hill ..... C. H. Loomis, Gilroy, "
Corralitos ..... J. E. Cochran, Corralitos, "
Santa Rosa and Windsor ..... W. C. Simpson, Windsor, "
Pacheco ..... To be supplied

E. P. Hart, general superintendent, 1117 Park Ave., Alameda, California; W. D. Bishop, supernumerary, Pacific Grove, California; H. H. Farnham, supernumerary, Gilroy, California; F. H. Horton, given certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

IONE DISTRICT—G. W. Griffith, District Elder.

Ione and Mt. Echo ..... Charles Fish, supply, Ione, California
Oakdale ..... C. V. Carpenter, Oakdale, "
Sutter Creek ..... To be supplied
Plymouth, Cosumne and Sheldon ..... W. J. Call, supply, Plymouth, California

CHICO DISTRICT—G. W. Griffith, District Elder.

Chico and Dayton ..... H. W. Dobbins, Chico, California

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I—ON FINANCE.

General Missions—Apportioned and paid, $38.40.
Church Extension—Apportioned and paid, $23.88.
General Superintendents' Salary—Apportioned and paid, $46.08.
Conference Claimants' Fund—Apportioned and paid, $76.80.
To Publish the Minutes—$17.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—$516.02.

II—ON REFORMS.

We would adhere to ¶ 142 of our Discipline which says, "We will unite with all well disposed persons in an open and Christian manner in promoting Social and Civil reforms." Among those reforms in which we should be especially interested we note the following:

The Dress Question—We would insist on our rule concerning dress. And while we would not encourage any who would seek to impose any sort of uniform upon the people of God, or to bind the consciences of the pilgrims with rules of their own making concerning dress, we would "receive none into our church who have not left off superfluous ornaments." See ¶49 of Discipline.

Divorce—We view with alarm the increasing number of divorces granted by the courts. We are forced to believe that this wanton violation of the marriage vow is a prolific source of immorality, and is one of the greatest factors in filling our reform schools with youthful criminals. We should therefore use our best endeavors for more stringent divorce laws. We would call the attention of our preachers to ¶53 of the Discipline which forbids their officiating at the marriage of persons divorced on other than scriptural grounds, and also to ¶52 and ¶410 which forbids their receiving into the church such divorced persons.

Regard for our Discipline—We would suggest a more careful adherence to our Discipline, both by our preachers and members; and recommend that each one study not only the Discipline, but also the Digest of Free Methodist Law, by General Superintendent Jones. We would rebuke that which has been sometimes practiced among us, namely the solemnizing of matrimony by unordained preachers, which we feel is not only trifling with our Discipline but tends to disparage the sacredness of the marriage relation, even if it is not a violation of the law of our state.

Secrecy—This is no time to give way to the encroachment of oath bound secret lodgery

such as Free Masonry and kindred orders, which we believe to be a menace to our free institutions, and contrary to the mind and teaching of him who said, "In secret have I said nothing".

RELATION OF CAPITAL AND LABOR—Our church is made up for the most part of laboring people. We do not forget that Jesus said. "The poor have the gospel preached unto them," and that John Wesley said, "Woe unto Methodism when rich men become a necessity unto it." We will, therefore, not sanction any attempt to shape our course as a church so as to curry favor with the worldly rich. And while we would not in any sense seek to "do evil that good may come," we do and will sympathize with the industrial classes in every honorable effort to secure from the greedy employer and soulless trust their rights, and a just compensation for their toil.

TOBACCO—We have no reason to regret the stand our church has taken for so many years in refusing admittance as members to those who use tobacco, and we will vigorously enforce our Discipline regarding the same. We rejoice in the growing sentiment against the use of tobacco, that so many employers have enacted rules against the use of cigarettes by their employes and that some of the leading educational institutions have given their smoking students the alternative of discontinuing the use of cigarettes or quitting the institutions. We rejoice also in the progress being made in some sections of the country in enacting anti-cigarette laws, and we pledge ourselves to assist as far as in us lies in the enactment and enforcement of such laws.

INTEMPERANCE—Perhaps the greatest evil that confronts us as a nation is the saloon evil, which corrupts politics and often controls legislation and thwarts justice. It destroys manhood, defiles womanhood, robs childhood of its beauty and innocence, takes more lives in our fair land than war and pestilence and damns more souls than any other agency of the devil. And as its ravages are going on without abatement, 100,000 of some body's boys and girls must be sacrificed each year to take the places of those who are slaughtered by those who conduct this diabolical traffic. We will, therefore, by the grace of God, use our best endeavor to encourage total abstinence, especially among the young; to offer to the drunkard his only hope—salvation from sin through the gospel of Christ, and to bring about the utter prohibition of the liquor business. We feel that any political party that caters to the whiskey element or fails to take its stand squarely against this monster evil is unworthy of the support of God's people. While we do not believe it is the province of the church to seek to control the ballots of its members, we fail to see how any Christian can under present conditions support any other national political party than the Prohibition party.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SAN JOSE DISTRICT											
San Jose	.....	$ 2 00	$ 53 47	....	$ 602 00	$ 85 12	$ 11 45	2	$ 2200	2	$ 1300
Corralitos	$ 1 00	5 90	50 82	....	510 95	110 95	58 80	1	2500	1	2000
Alameda	4 00	4 60	54 55	....	627 58	54 10	.....	1	2000	1	2000
Gilroy and Morgan Hill	....	....	16 38	.....	125 86	35 91	4 00	..	.....	..	.....
Santa Rosa	.....	....	7 50	....	* 330 00	17 80	23 36	..	....		.....
Pacheco	....	....	.....	....	.....	14 00	.....	1	500	1	150
San Jose Chinese Mission	....	.....	50	....	270 82	.....	....	..	.....	.	.....
IONE DISTRICT											
Ione and Mt. Echo	1 60	.....	20 04	.....	500 00	46 00	7 50	1	2000	1	1000
Oakdale	....	....	21 19	.....	400 05	45 05	40 35	1	1500	1	500
Sutter Creek and Plymouth	.....	....	7 59	.....	267 00	29 00	20 80	2	800	2	500
Consumne, Lee schoolhouse and Sheldon	....	.....	9 76	.....	297 85	49 00	.....	1	1600	..	.....
CHICO DISTRICT.											
Chico and Dayton	.....	....	16 40	.....	195 06	32 65	1 00	..	.....	..	.....
Raised at conference		....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 6 60	$12 50	$ 258 20	.....	$4127 17	$ 519 58	$ 163 26	10	$ 13100	9	$ 7450

Received $75 from general missions; $31.85 from home missions.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

SAN JOSE, IONE AND CHICO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SAN JOSE DISTRICT	G. W. Griffith, District Elder																	
San Jose	J. E. Cochran	48	16	64	...	...	1	10	50	12	$ 12 60	$ 7 50	$ 15 05	$ 6 30	$ 4 20	$ 6 50	$ 7 00	$ 21 00
Corralitos	W. C. Graves	51	16	67	2	2	1	11	76	13	15 90	9 74	18 55	7 95	5 30	7 95	.....	73 36
Alameda	M. L. Winegarden	28	5	33	1	1	1	12	64	11	6 90	4 15	8 05	3 45	2 30	3 45	5 25	14 20
Gilroy and Morgan Hill	W. V. Burr, supply	23	..	23	1	1	2	9	42	7	6 00	3 60	.....	3 00	2 00	30	2 15	18 20
Santa Rosa	H. H. Farnham	12	2	14	1	..	1	4	15	2	2 40	1 44	2 80	1 20	80	1 20	.....	.....
Pacheco	.....	7	...	7	...	...	1	3	12	3	2 40	1 44	1 25	1 20	.....	1 29	.....	.....
San Jose Chinese Mission	N. S. Honn	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IONE DISTRICT	G. W. Griffith, District Elder																	
Ione and Mt. Echo	C. H. Loomis	20	9	29		1	1	8	40	7	6 90	4 15	8 05	3 45	2 30	3 45	3 10	181 90
Oakdale	C. V. Carpenter	26	3	29	1	1	1	9	54	9	6 0	3 60	7 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	10 00	43 12
Sutter Creek and Plymouth	W. J. Call, supply	16	.	16	1	..	1	4	20	4	4 20	2 52	4 90	2 10	1 40	87	.....	..
Consumne, Lee schoolhouse, Sheldon	W. C. Simpson	14	2	16	1	..	1	4	20	6	6 90	4 14	8 05	3 45	2 30	3 45	3 75	19 25
CHICO DISTRICT	G. W. Griffith, District Elder																	
Chico and Dayton	H. W. Dobbins	18	2	20	...	...	1	5	32	4	2 70	1 44	2 80	1 35	1 09	1 20	2 97	7 00
Raised at conference	.....	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	3 90	2 36	.....	1 95	1 91	5 74	.....	.....
Total	.....	263	55	318	8	6	13	81	430	79	$ 76 80	$ 46 08	$ 76 50	$ 38 40	$ 25 60	$ 38 40	$ 34 22	$278 03

Alameda paid to India Orphan Fund by S. S. $7.30; Woodstock Home $8.10.

Ione, $10 was raised to pay freight on missionary box; $10 sent to Olive Branch Mission and $11 to Pandita Ramabai's school and not included in above report.

Oakdale, Christmas box to missionaries, $27.81.

Paid to Chinese Mission at San Jose, Corralitos, $24.50; Alameda, $15.

COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session, held in Tekoa, Washington, April 22-25, 1903

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.* B. H. ALBERTS, *Secretary.*
JOHN E. BRADLEY, *Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, E. W. Achilles, John E. Bradley.
On Publications—F. H. Church, S. H. Yockey, J. N. Wood.
On Education—S. H. Yockey, W. A. Davis, H. H. Davis.
On Sunday-schools—Guy Denney, Mary Achilles, Ellen Droze.
On Reforms—C. F. Denney, J. S. Bradley, E. W. Achilles.
On Publishing the Minutes—B. H. Alberts, J. E. Bradley.
To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. N. Wood.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. A. Davis, S. H. Yockey.
On State of the Work—E. W. Achilles, B. H. Alberts, W. J. Bennett.
On Home Missions—The stationing committee.
On Memoirs—B. H. Alberts, J. E. Bradley.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—E. P. Hart, E. W. Achilles, B. H. Alberts, W. J. Bennett, H. H. Davis.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. W. Achilles, president; C. F. Denney, secretary; B. H. Alberts, W. J. Bennett, W. A. Davis.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. W. Achilles, president, for three years; C. F. Denney, for two years; J. S. Bradley, for one year; B. H. Alberts, for five years; J. N. Wood, for four years.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—J. E. Bradley. On Reforms—F. H. Church.
On Sunday-schools—B. H. Alberts. On State of Work—E. W. Achilles.
On Publications—C. F. Denney.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Eva E. Alberts, president, Tekoa, Washington; Mrs. F. H. Church, corresponding secretary, Sherar Bridge, Oregon; Miss Nettie Scott, recording secretary, Sherar Bridge, Oregon; Miss H. Luella Betts, treasurer, 1819 E. Broadway, Spokane, Washington.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions, (25 cents); General Missions, (15 cents); Second quarter, General Superintendents'; Third quarter, Church Extension and Foreign Missions; Fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. W. Achilles,	J. N. Wood,	S. H. Yockey,	E. A. Sayre,
J. D. Cook,	Guy Denney,	J. S. Bradley,	J. E. Bradley,
B. H. Alberts,	C. F. Denney,	F. H. Church.	

DELEGATES

Mrs. Eva E. Alberts,	Mrs. Mary Achilles,	J. A. Lung,	G. W. Smith,
Mrs. Ellen C. Droze,	Mrs. Nora Edwards,	W. J. Bennett,	Mrs. Emma Vaughn,
H. H. Davis,	W. A. Davis.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, E. W. Achilles, H. H. Davis.

3, 8, 9, 12, 13. None.

4. Who remain on trial? E. M. Norris.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. E. Bradley.

6. Who are the deacons? John E. Bradley, E. E. Carbaugh local, ordained this year.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Guy Denney.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. S. Bradley, J. D. Cook.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? E. A. Sayre, a deacon from the Kansas conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? George Edwards.

16, 17, 18. 19, 20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. S. Bradley, $150.00; J. D. Cook, $100.00; Mrs. Nora Edwards, $75.00.

22, 23, 24. See statistics and appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? As near the first Wednesday in April, 1904, as will be consistent with the plans of the superintendent. The place to be decided by E. W. Achilles, C. F. Denney and H. H. Davis.

APPOINTMENTS

SPOKANE DISTRICT—E. W. Achilles, District Elder, Sherar Bridge, Oregon.

Spokane.....To be supplied
Tyler, Sprague, Greer and Lord's Valley.....J. N. Wood, Sprague, Washington
St. John Circuit.....To be supplied
Clarkfork.....E. A. Sayre, Clarkfork, Idaho
Penawawa .....E. M. Norris, Penawawa, Washington
Tekoa and Summervale....B. H. Alberts, Mrs. Eva E. Alberts, supply, Tekoa, "
Sanders, Emida and Tyson.....J. E. Bradley, Sanders, Idaho
J. D. Cook, superannuated; Miss H. Luella Betts, granted a conference evangelist's license.

COLVILLE DISTRICT—E. W. Achilles, District Elder.

Colville..... E. E. Carbaugh, supply, Colville, Washington
Daisy and Waterloo.....To be supplied
Chewelah.....S. H. Yockey, Chewelah, Washington
J. S. Bradley, superannuated, Chewelah, Washington.

PENDLETON DISTRICT—E. W. Achilles, District Elder.

Athena, Vansycle and Waterman.....Guy Denney, Athena, Oregon
The Dalles and White River .....F. H. Church, The Dalles, "

Hood River.....To be supplied
Boise.....To be supplied
Bake Oven.....C. F. Denney, Sherar Bridge, Oregon

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $57.90.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $34.74.
General Missions.—Assessed and paid, $28.95.
Church Extension.—Assessed and paid, $19.30.
Foreign Missions.—$12.50.
General Conference Delegates' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $28.95.
Home Missions.—Paid, $48.25.

Disbursements: F. H. Haley, $15.00; E. W. Achilles, $10.00; Guy Denney, $10.00; S. H. Yockey, $5.00; C. F. Denney, $5.00; J. N. Wood, $3.25. Total, $48.25.

To Publish the Minutes.—$14.35.

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SPOKANE DISTRICT											
Spokane			$ 35 53		$ 180 08	$ 22 00	$ 38 55	1	$ 800		
Tyler, Cheney and Medical Lake			16 64		149 40	20 17	12 00	1	800		$ 100
St. John			17 38		245 74	8 75				1	600
Penawawa			6 50		380 00	43 50		1	600	1	600
Tekoa and Summervale			24 08	$ 30	241 38	39 25			50		
Clarkfork			21 84		222 29	37 40	10 00	1	600		
Sprague and Ritzville								1	500		
COLVILLE DISTRICT											
Colville			37 47	50	290 00	56 10		1	1600	1	500
Chewelah			21 68		275 00	36 90		1	1000		
Daisy and Waterloo											
PENDLETON DISTRICT											
Athena, Vansycle and Waterman			4 80		400 00	43 50				1	200
The Dalles and Hood River											
Boise											
Bake Oven					89 65						
Total			$ 185 92	$ 80	$2473 54	$ 307 63	$ 60 55	7	$ 5950	4	$ 2000

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

SPOKANE, COLVILLE AND PENDLETON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SPOKANE DISTRICT	E. W. Achilles, District Elder																	
Spokane	B. H. Alberts	8	2	10	..	3	1	6	50	5	$ 3 00	$ 1 80	$ 2 50	$ 1 50	$ 1 00	$ 1 50	.....	.....
Tyler, Cheney and Medical Lake	C. F. Denney	16	...	16	..		1	6	30	6	6 60	3 96	5 50	3 30	2 20	3 30	.....	$ 1 30
St. John	J. N. Wood	27	1	28	1	..	2	15	75	8	8 70	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 90	4 35	.....	4 00
Penawawa	E. M. Norris	19	1	20	1	..	1	2	15	4	6 30	3 80	5 25	3 15	2 10	3 15	.....	5 00
Tekoa and Summervale	J. E. Bradley	32	14	46	1	..	2	14	56	10	5 10	3 06	4 25	2 55	1 70	2 55	$ 9 50	
Clarkfork	S. H. Yockey	11	...	11	..		1	6	25	3	4 50	2 70	3 75	2 25	1 50	2 25	.....	14 77
Sprague and Ritzville	E. W. Achilles	7	...	7	..	..	..	.....	.....	3	2 10	1 26	1 75	1 05	70	1 05	.....	.....
COLVILLE DISTRICT	E. W. Achilles, District Elder																	
Colville	P. B. Wright	16	8	24	..	..	1	7	37	7	4 20	2 52	3 75	2 10	1 40	2 10	.....	.....
Chewelah	J. S. Bradley	15	1	16	2	..	1	5	30	5	6 30	3 78	5 25	3 15	2 10	3 15	.....	5 00
Daisy and Waterloo	E. W. Achilles	9		9	..	..	..	.....	.....	...	2 70	1 62	2 25	1 35	90	1 35	.....	.....
PENDLETON DISTRICT	E. W. Achilles, District Elder																	
Athena, Vansycle and Waterman	F. H. Church	9		9	1	1	1	3	30	3	1 80	1 08	1 50	90	60	90	3 00	40 00
The Dalles and Hood River	E. W. Achilles	5		5	..		..	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boise	George Edwards	3		3	..	..	..	.....	.....	1	1 50	90	1 25	75	50	75	.....	.....
Bake Oven	Guy Denney	14	2	16	1	1	2	9	45	6	2 70	1 63	2 85	1 35	90	1 35	.....	
Raised at conference	.....	....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	2 40	1 41	1 15	1 20	80	1 20	.....	106 96
Total	.....	191	29	220	7	5	13	73	393	61	$ 57 90	$ 34 74	$ 48 25	$ 28 95	$ 19 30	$ 28 95	$ 12 50	$177 03

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session, held in Seattle, Washington, April 15-19, 1903

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

ALEXANDER BEERS, *Secretary.* W. W. DEXTER, *Assistant Secretary.*

A. H. STILWELL, *Treasurer.* A. BEERS, *Transportation Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, B. F. Smalley, C. E. McReynolds.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Education—A. H. Stilwell, A. Beers, C. S. McKinley.

On Sunday-schools—James Eva, R. M. Reid, N. E. Hough.

On Temperance—A. N. West, J. D. Grantham, Mrs. George Green, I. P. Thayer.

On Publications—C. E. McReynolds, William Boddy, W. W. Dexter, S. P. Westfield.

On State of the Work—B. F. Smalley, E. L. Smith, S. P. Hale, J. H. Tucker.

To Nominate Trustees for Seattle Seminary—C. S. McKinley.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—T. H. Marsh, W. C. Meacham, George Schlosser.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. L. Smith, A. H. Stilwell, B. F. Smalley.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. E. McReynolds, A. Beers, James Eva.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—A. H. Stilwell. On Reforms—A. Beers.

On Prohibition—T. H. Marsh. On Publications—B. F. Smalley.

On Sunday-schools—C. S. McKinley.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Adelaide L. Beers, conference president; Mary McReynolds, first vice-president; Mary E. Dutton, second vice-president; Susan Eva, third vice-president; Laura Millican, recording secretary; Mrs. A. H. Stilwell, corresponding secretary; Maggie Burrows, treasurer; Adelaide L. Beers, delegate to the general conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

B. F. Smalley,	William Boddy,	W. C. Meacham,	J. M. Scott,
P. H. Griggs,	W. W. Dexter,	S. A. Milton,	C. N. Bertels,
S. P. Westfield,	W. O. Lively,	T. H. Marsh,	E. L. Smith,
C. E. McReynolds,	James Eva,	A. N. West,	C. S. McKinley,
S. P. Hale,	G. G. Edwards,	A. Beers,	G. W. Wheelon,
A. H. Stilwell,	C. W. Shay.		

DELEGATES

S. E. Gray,	Mary Pallow,	C. L. Foster,	George Schlosser,
R. M. Reid,	M. C. McGee,	Mrs. George Green.	J. W. Tucker,
John Harvey.	Mary Slock,	I. P. Thayer,	F. B. Denney,
D. H. Simmons,	J. N. Grantham,	E. S. Bowles,	Mary Northrup,
Mary E. Dutton,	John Wood,	N. E. Hough.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, B. F. Smalley, C. L. Foster.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? S. W. Weltz.

4. Who remain on trial? Jules Ryff, M. C. Clarke, G. W. Esher, W. W. Loomis.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? George Edwards, S. P. Hale, W. I. Lively, H. H. Pease, C. B. Carlton (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? S. L. Helm, R. M. Reid, John Spencer (all local).

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. W. Shay, S. A. Milton.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. M. Scott, E. L. Smith, G. W. Wheelon.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? T. H. Marsh from the North Dakota conference; A. H. Stilwell from the Wisconsin conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? In Everett, Washington. As near the first of April as is consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

PUGET SOUND DISTRICT—C. E. McReynolds, District Elder.

Seattle (First church) ..... Alexander Beers
Seattle (Second church) ..... W. W. Loomis
Seattle (Third church) ..... A. N. West
Ballard ..... W. I. Lively
Edmonds and Cedar Valley ..... R. M. Reid, supply
Everett ..... T. H. Marsh
Snohomish ..... G. W. Esher
Arlington ..... W. C. Meacham
Mount Vernon ..... S. P. Hale
Whatcom ..... William Boddy
Nooksack and Sumas ..... N. E. Hough, supply
Blaine ..... T. H. Griggs
Pleasant Valley and Enterprise ..... Hattie Teegarden, supply

J. M. Scott, E. L. Smith, G. W. Wheelon, superannuated; C. W. Shay, supernumerary;

A. H. Stilwell, principal Seattle Seminary; M. C. Clarke, missionary to India; C. M. Bertels, teacher in Japan.

TACOMA DISTRICT—B. F. SMALLEY, District Elder.

Tacoma and Parkland.....C. S. McKinley
Centralia.....James Eva
Southbend and Bay Center.....G. W. Welty
Buckley.....George G. Edwards
Roslyn.....Jules Ryff
Cle Elum and Teanaway.....W. W. Dexter
Evansburg and Thorps.....S. L. Helm, supply
Sunnyside and Outlook.....S. P. Westfield
Goldendale.....To be supplied
Mission.....To be supplied
S. A. Milton, supernumerary.

MISCELLANEOUS

General Superintendent E. P. Hart preached with power. His presence was a great inspiration to all. All the meetings were largely attended and much of the power of God was manifest. The reports of the preachers showed a net gain of over twenty-three per cent. during the year. The receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society showed a substantial gain. A collection of 35 cents was ordered taken the first quarter for home missions. The conference collections were ordered taken in the following order: First quarter, Home and General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' claim; third quarter, Conference Claimants'; fourth quarter, Church Extension.

The collections were large and spontaneous. About $3,000 was raised for Seattle Seminary. J. Burrows, William Millican and A. Beers were elected trustees for Seattle Seminary for a term of three years. All go to the work with hearts aglow, looking for this coming year to be the best in the history of the conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I. ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications beg leave to submit the following report: The term "publication," means the act of publishing, or making known, notification to the people at large, either by words, writing, printing or proclamation. When we consider the fact that there never was a time in the history of the world when the "press" was as active and powerful as to-day, and that the vast number of publications, which are daily sent out, are eagerly read by more men, women and children than in any period of the past; and that these periodicals daily carry to the reader an influence that will make him either better or worse; a message of life or death, with power to mould the character for heaven or hell, should we not as Christians in view of these things and the increased responsibility imposed upon us, thereby awake to greater diligence and sacrifice in spreading a pure literature?

The framers of our Discipline, recognizing the evil influence of impure publications on the soul, have in the general rules prohibited the members from "reading those books which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God." Bacon says, "Reading maketh a man full," and we might inquire "full" of what? And the answer would depend upon the character of what you read. If it be impure literature, it may fill you with doubt and sin and with remorse here and with despair in the world to come. Infidel books, dime novels, and trashy literature in general, have cursed the world with a Thomas Paine and a Robert Ingersol; and if the testimony of scores of men and boys be credited, who have spoken to us from penitentiary and gallows, it has led to robbery, murder and to hell. Disraeli says, "Liter-

ature is an avenue to glory;" but we must qualify this statement by saying, if impure it is an avenue to ruin. Emerson says, "All literature writes the character of the wise man;" but again we must dissent from so broad a statement, by saying, if it be *impure* in God's sight it writes the character of the *fool*.

One has said, "I am a part of all I ever read." If this statement be true it shows how what we read is incorporated into character, or goes to make up what we are. Therefore, we see the importance of wholesome publications. We stand with Macaulay for a literature that "consoles sorrow, or assuages pain, that brings gladness to the eyes which fail with wakefulness and tears." We believe with De Quincy, first, in the literature of knowledge, and second, in the literature of power. The function of the first is to teach, the function of the second is to move; the first is a rudder, the second is an oar or sail." We believe in the kind that instructs the intellect and fills it with useful knowledge, warms the heart, moves the affections, moulds the character into the image of God, and blesses the life and lifts the whole being heavenward.

We would earnestly recommend the FREE METHODIST, and the *Earnest Christian*, the *Missionary Tidings* and the *Olive Branch*, our Sunday-school literature, and the books and periodicals sent forth by our publishing house as best calculated to produce under God's blessing, these great and glorious results.

II.—ON REFORMS.

Reform means to form again or come back to the original purpose or plan. There is always a tendency with the church as with the individual to deflect from the path of righteousness and become carnal and worldly, hence, the many admonitions in the Bible to watchfulness and prayer.

The Free Methodist church is a child of Providence. "She was organized," says our senior superintendent, "from necessity and not of choice." Her great mission is to spread scriptural holiness over these lands. God has blessed the work of the church in her faithful preaching of this doctrine. When we speak of spreading holiness we would be understood as teaching all the doctrines leading up to this experience, such as repentance, restitution, faith, the new birth, regeneration, etc. We fear that there is not the clear, pointed preaching of this glorious truth as the interest of the cause of the Lord demands. Brethren, let us preach this gospel of full salvation in all its beauty and power; let the pulpits echo and re-echo with the glad tidings of a full and complete deliverance from sin. Let this glorious doctrine and experience fill the very atmosphere of our quarterly gatherings. May we make it the key note of our summer camp-meetings. May we preach it with lips annointed with pentecostal power and with hearts all aglow with the richness and sweetness and blessed fulness of the gospel. Let the class-leaders urge it in their classes and the Sunday-school superintendent in the Sunday-school. May the Lord keep us from running off on tangents, chasing every wind of doctrine that is current in this age of compromise and worldly minded religion and help us to stick to our one great mission of spreading scriptural "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

OUR ISSUES.—The issues of the Free Methodist church are vital. While the business of the church is to spread scriptural holiness, we find that in order that holiness may take and flourish it is absolutely essential for us to cast up the highway, to gather out the stones and lift up a standard of holy living to the people. It seems to me that if stones were to be removed in the time of Isaiah in order that the way of holiness might not be obstructed, we have some huge boulders that must be rolled away or blasted to pieces in this day of sham or make-believe religion in order that an unobstructed channel may be opened for the flow of holiness. Brethren, let us not be afraid to keep our issues clearly and intelligibly before the world.

CONFORMITY TO THE WORLD.—We fear there is a tendency toward the world in many of our good people. Let us avoid worldliness as we would the devil. We are told in fiction that in the Indian sea there is a large magnetic rock that rises above the surface of the placid waters. The story tells of Sinbad the sailor running his ship too near this rock.

Soon the clamps began to be drawn from the vessel's side and the bolts were unloosed. When all the clamps were drawn and every bolt unfastened, the masts, rigging and bulwark fell into the sea and the unfortunate sailors woke to their drowning agonies. The magnetic rock of worldliness is the great wrecking rock of the Christian church. By this subtle world-power of carnal magnetism, bolt after bolt of good resolution is drawn out, clamp after clamp of Christian obligation disappears, until soon the one who once walked with God in the very atmosphere of a holy and devoted life finds himself a spiritual wreck. He may still profess religion and belong to a church and be very active in church work, but like Sampson of old after he had his head in the lap of Delilah his strength is gone and while he may attempt to shake himself as before, he wists not that God has departed from him. Let us as pilgrims be free from the world in its spirit, custom and fashion. Let no changes of the season of the year make any change that will lead in the direction of the world. A celebrated holiness preacher in our city a short time ago went far enough out of his way to inform his audience that God had called him to preach the gospel and not to tell his sisters how to dress. That remark is significant and savors of the world and the flesh. While we are not to be dictators as to every detail of the dress of the man or woman, yet, we are divinely commissioned to preach against worldly adornment. The apostle Paul made the preaching on dress a part of his gospel. He was not very general in the terms he used. He was so specific as to give definite directions as to how the hair should be arranged and forbade the wearing of gold, pearls and costly array, teaching us that the very appearance of evil should be eschewed. Let us be influenced by what Dr. Paul has to say on all subjects rather than the teaching of the modern evangelist or preacher. The command is, "Come out from among them and be ye separate and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." This is the Pauline preaching and has the right ring. "If any man is a friend to the world he is an enemy of God," is preaching none too plain. Brothers and sisters, let us be scrupulously tidy and neat in our personal appearance, but let us keep perfectly plain as becometh strangers and pilgrims on the earth. God expects this of us and the world has very little confidence in any other type of religion.

Covetousness.—Jesus warns us to beware of covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. The danger of covetousness is emphasized in the lesson of the rich young man whose fields brought forth plentifully. He had no place in which to store his goods and finally yielded to the spirit of covetousness and said, "This will I do. I will pull down my barns and will build greater and there will I bestow all my fruits, and my goods." But God said to him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Covetousness was the stone of stumbling to the rich young man whom Christ told to sell what he had and give to the poor, assuring him that he should have treasure in heaven. The spirit of covetousness prevailed, and the young man turned away from his blessed Lord with a sorrowful heart. We believe we are in great peril on this point. People are getting in the whirlpool of the spirit of a cold business commercialism that is quenching the fiery zeal of, and is bringing leanness and weakness to, the church. Business is so urgent that they stay away from the prayer meeting and means of grace. The pressure of worldly interests is so heavy as to keep many of our people away from our general gatherings. Thus do they not only starve their own immortal souls, but by their absence and indifference throw a chill of discouragement over the more consecrated ones who are battling to see the work of God prosper. People become too busy in their work and so engrossed in worldly interests as to make it seem impossible for them to attend the funeral of a friend. This spirit of covetousness is drying up the fountains of benevolence so that in many cases our beloved Zion languishes and dies for want of support that could have and should have been given. This is indeed a sad condition of things of which we are speaking and not a theory. The spirit of hospitality is on the decline in many places and particularly in the older societies. Where it was once a pleasure and a joy to entertain God's little ones it has grown to be a burden. Some have almost given up the thought of entertaining altogether. In many well-to-do homes the

spare room is a thing of the past. This should not be. Do we long and pray for the old time power? Then let us manifest the old time consecration. Do we covet the blessing we had in former days? Then exercise the same spirit of liberality and hospitality that God gave in former days. Do you wish to see our camp-meetings and general gatherings times of power and salvation? Then make the business interests stand still long enough to go up and worship the Lord. Are we praying for the windows of heaven to be opened and a wonderful blessing to be given? Then bring all the tithes into the storehouse. Again we would say in the words of the Savior, "Beware of covetousness."

Unity of Effort.—We believe there should be a greater unity of effort in the interests of the work God has committed to us. There must be a greater concentration of forces if we would see the work prosper. If we represent the best thing in the world, then, all our efforts and time should be employed in making this thing the highest success. This is the only logical and consistent attitude for us to assume before the world. There are many outside movements and interests that are putting forth a tremendous effort to secure the moral and financial support of the Free Methodist church. Please do not understand me to say that these movements have not much good in them. I am not condemning or denouncing other work. Many are doubtless benefitted by these various outside holiness movements, but none of them represent the clean cut work of the Free Methodist church, and many of them are positively subversive of the interests of our work. Many of our people, we believe thoughtlessly, join these various holiness associations in the land, not thinking that they are detracting from the interest of the work of the church of their choice. Some of them belong to two or three different holiness associations at the same time. They promise to pay one dollar per year as a membership fee. If they pay but one dollar per year for membership it is one-seventh of what they pay to our churches as we pay on an average but about seven dollars per capita for our own work. Thus we see that one-seventh of the money paid by Free Methodists who belong to these associations goes to the support of outside movements. Many of our people came out of former worldly churches because they could not consistently support them. The principal holiness movement our people are supporting is conducted in the interest of these very churches from which we have withdrawn. This appears to be highly inconsistent. We believe the Free Methodist church to be the best holiness organization in the land. We believe further that those who are so interested in holiness could do the cause they love a great favor by coming out of those churches where the doctrine is opposed and cast in their lot with a people where holiness is preached and holiness preachers are welcomed. We have all we can do at home without affiliating with movements where the preachers will urge all who profess to have obtained this experience to remain in their own church. We have neither the spiritual nor financial strength to give these movements. Some politicians were asking what kind of a president a certain mayor in a southern city would make. An old farmer quaintly replied, "He makes a rattling good mayor, but I am afraid when you come to spread him over the entire country as president he will be mighty thin." We Free Methodists can make a respectable showing by uniting our forces along our own salvation lines, but spread us out to assist every religious movement and we will look rather thin. I repeat it, I believe the Free Methodist church is the cleanest and best holiness movement in the land. Let us stand together in every way to spread this blessed doctrine throughout the land.

A Sanctified Tongue.—This is of the greatest importance in the church of God. David prayed that the words of his mouth and the meditations of his heart might be acceptable in the sight of God. Jesus said, "By thy words shalt thou be justified and by thy words shalt thou be condemned." He tells us further that our word should be "yea, yea and nay, nay, for whatsoever is more than this cometh of evil." James tells us that a sanctified or perfect person is one who is able to bridle the tongue. He tells us that if a man seems to be religious and bridleth not his tongue that this man's religion is vain. The Free Methodist Discipline takes a very strong stand against evil speaking, and the Bible says plainly, "Speak evil of no man." Joking and jesting are strongly condemned in the sacred word. Let us be joyous, but not levitious. Let us not speak evil of each other or of anyone. May

our conversation be with grace, seasoned with salt, that it may minister grace to the hearers. Thus we shall avoid the quenching or grieving of the holy Spirit of God.

Redeeming the Time.—One very important rule given by Jeremy Taylor in his "Rules for Holy Living and Dying" is the proper use of time. We are commanded in the word to redeem the time because the days are evil. To redeem the precious time means to catch up or seize every opportunity and use it for the glory of God and the advancement of his blessed work. Mrs. Browning remarked at one time, "I have not used half my faculties and powers for God." Opportunities unimproved never return. Dr. Hillis very forcefully remarks on this point: Gone opportunity and lightning could not equal its swift flight. Gone forever, opportunity and the wing of Seraphim could not overtake and bring it back. Gone honor, gone fidelity, gone good name, gone irretrievably, though dying be long delayed, coming at last, death will find the soldier's task unfulfilled. It is too late. God save us all. Shakespeare tells us that there is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at its flood leads on to fortune; omitted, all the rest of their lives is bound in misery and in shallowness. Upon such a sea are we now afloat, and we must take the tide as it serves or lose our ventures. The wise man tells us that there is a time for everything and a season for everything under the sun. A time to sow and a time to reap. If we neglect the seed time we will wait in vain for the waving of a golden harvest. We fear too much time is spent in idleness and vain conversation. Wesley did not believe we could visit long for God's glory, and recommended that we spend no more time in one place than was strictly necessary. Brothers and sisters, let us see if we cannot put in our time better for the Lord. We should be our best for him as his service demands our highest thoughts and most conscientious endeavor. Let us redeem the time for these are evil days.

Paying of Debts.—Christian people should be perfectly honest. Their note should be as good as their word and their word as good as their note. The divine command is, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another." As a rule our people are honest and conscientious in this respect. We are very sorry to say, however, that there are too many exceptions to this rule. While both Discipline and the Bible are very clear on this point, we have those among us who disregard their church obligations and the teaching of the sacred word and seem to be indifferent to obligations they have voluntarily assumed. We know whereof we speak. We hold pledges and notes given to Seattle Seminary or to assist in building a church or parsonage or for other religious work that we are utterly unable to collect. The saddest feature is that some seem to treat their obligations lightly. Some will not accord us the courtesy of a reply when we send them a kind, Christian letter, calling their attention to their pledges. These things should not be. This type of religion is shoddy and becomes a stumbling block to the world. It is not pleasant to have an enemy of the church point to this one and say, "There is a good Free Methodist who will not pay his honest debts." Let us remedy this at once. Let the preachers deal plainly with it from the pulpit; let the official board do their full duty. Such persons should be labored with kindly but firmly and given to understand that unless they pay their honest debts and keep clear before the world that they can have no place among us. The loss of them as members will be the gain of the church. We are infinitely better off without them. Let us preach holiness with no uncertain sound, keep clear and separate from the world, cultivate the spirit of liberality, have our conversation in heaven, keep square with the world by owing no man anything, keep humble, blessed and filled with the Spirit, and God will own us, making our little Zion as "fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

ELLENSBURG AND PUGET SOUND DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
Seattle (First Church)	A. Beers	38	7	45	1	1	1	9	55	8	$ 9 60	$ 5 76	$ 7 75	$ 4 80	$ 3 20	$ 4 80	$ 25 00	$ 170 00
Seattle (Second Church)	C. E. McReynolds	102	15	117	3	3	1	15	165	25	31 80	17 28	24 00	15 00	9 60	15 90	15 02	141 16
Seattle (Third Church)	A. N. West	52	8	60	3	..	1	10	80	16	10 24	5 76	8 00	4 80	3 20	4 80	6 50	85 07
Tacoma and Parkland	C. S. McKinley	36	5	41		1	1	7	30	4	5 80	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 90	4 35	.....	30 14
Everett	T. H. Marsh	50	5	55	5	1	1	15	83	16	17 70	10 62	14 75	8 85	5 90	8 85	41 40	45 40
Arlington	W. C. Meacham	20	...	20	..	..	1	8	53	3	6 00	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	7 60	80 00
Mount Vernon	S. P. Hale	41	1	42	1	1	1	3	15	7	2 70	1 72	2 25	1 35	90	1 35	.....	22 25
Whatcom and Nooksack	William Boddy	16	2	18	..	..	1	4	25	6	4 20	2 52	3 50	2 10	1 40	2 15	.....	.....
Bay Center and South Bend	George Edwards	11	1	12	..	1	1	5	12	5	3 60	2 16	3 00	1 80	1 20	1 80	.....	21 55
Roslyn	Jules Ryff	13	6	19	..	..	..	1	6	4	3 90	3 34	3 25	1 95	1 50	1 95	.....	12 78
Blaine, Good Hope, Pleasant Valley	P. H. Griggs	37	9	46	1	1	2	15	55	12	9 90	6 40	8 00	4 95	4 95	3 20	7 56	15 93
Centralia	James Eva	34	7	41	2	1	2	10	100	7	9 30	5 58	7 75	4 65	3 10	4 65	.....	32 65
Sunnyside	S. P. Westfield	25	22	47	..	..	1	8	75	8	1 80	1 08	1 50	90	60	90	.....	.....
Ballard	W. W. Loomis	10	1	11	1	..	1	10	40	8	3 90	2 34	3 25	1 30	1 95	1 95	84 13	.....
Edmonds and Cedar Valley	G. W. Esher	18	..	18	1	..	2	9	60	7	5 40	3 24	4 50	1 80	2 70	2 70	.....	51 64
Snohomish	S. L. Helm	12	7	19	..	..	1	4	45	6	3 00	1 80	.....	1 50	1 00	1 50	.....	9 33
Buckley and Lake Tapps	E. L. Smith	17	1	18	..	1	1	5	31	9	4 80	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60	2 40	4 05	12 65
Cle Elum	W. W. Dexter	16	2	18	..	..	1	5	90	4	3 90	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 80	1 95	.....	27 53
Ellensburg	B. F. Smalley, (Elder)	4	2	6	..	..	....	....	....	....	2 60	1 44	.....	80	1 20	1 06	.....	.....
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Seattle (First Church)	$ 2 75	..	$ 102 00	$ 4 00	$ 960 00	$ 55 00	$ 11 00	1	$ 4000	1	$ 4000
Seattle (Second Church)	6 06	$ 2 80	131 79	.....	497 50	97 21	....	..	.....	..	.....
Seattle (Third Church)	.....	.....	65 89	.....	695 94	84 43	22 32	1	1200	1	900
Tacoma and Parkland	.....	.....	22 60	.....	305 00	39 25	1 59	1	500	..	.....
Everett	.....	.....	61 41	.....	800 00	70 00	61 00	1	2600	1	600
Arlington	.....	.....	36 32	.....	546 00	36 45	.....	1	1000	1	250
Mount Vernon	.....	.....	17 60	.....	536 47	76 35	.....	1	700	1	600
Whatcomb and Nooksack	.....	.....	10 44	.....	257 05	15 45	.....	1	500	..	.....
Bay Center and South Bend	.....	.....	16 39	.....	177 50	44 00	.....	1	800	1	200
Roslyn	.....	.....	34 28	.....	194 00	30 00	17 00	1	2000	1	600
Blaine, Good Hope, Pleasant Valley	.....	.....	15 02	1 00	552 59	44 34	.....	2	2600	1	500
Centralia	90	1 00	45 62	30	434 37	31 71	.....	1	1000	1	500
Sunnyside	.....	50	50 94	.....	500 00	45 76	10 00	..	.....	..	.....
Ballard	3 50	.....	45 59	1 00	263 63	34 61	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Edmonds and Cedar Valley	.....	.....	30 00	.....	236 00	28 75	.....	1	500	1	600
Snohomish	.....	.....	24 16	.....	158 11	22 14	9 25	1	1000	1	600
Buckley and Lake Tapps	2 25	2 72	26 62	1 60	270 00	30 00	.....	1	800	1	500
Cle Elum	1 00	1 00	30 35	.....	300 00	40 00	.....	1	1200	..	.....
Ellensburg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 85	.....	..	.....	..	.....
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held at Los Angeles, California, May 20-24, 1903

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

DAVID McLEOD, *Secretary.* JENNIE C. McLEOD, *Assistant Secretary.*

E. E. ELY, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—C. B. Ebey, D. G. Shepard, James Seals.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, D. G. Shepard, James Seals, David McLeod.

On State of the Work—D. G. Shepard, James Seals, David McLeod, M. C. Sperrow, Mina B. Speer, Jennie C. McLeod.

On Sabbath-schools—S. R. Gittins, E. G. Albright, F. J. Heil, J. S. Prophet, William Blumfield, J. Mushrush.

On Publications—C. B. Ebey, James Seals, T. B. Fisher, J. S. Nickel, F. T. Allen, J. J. Harshman.

On Reforms—E. Leonardson, J. B. Roberts, William Burkholder, A. B. Gill, Edward Cook, Joseph R. Fish.

On Education—D. G. Shepard, J. K. Freeland, F. A. Ames, E. E. Ely, F. J. Heil, Mina B. Spear, J. G. Baird.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—M. N. Downing, F. H. Horton, M. N. Huston.

On Ministerial Relations and Efficiency—The stationing committee.

On Providing a Home for the District Elder of the Arizona District—David McLeod, E. P. Hart, S. F. Heilman, J. G. Baird, E. C. Shipley, F. J. Heil, D. G. Shepard.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—S. F. Heilman, Clyde R. Ebey.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—E. Leonardson. On Publications—J. K. Freeland.

On Education—C. B. Ebey. On Reforms—M. N. Downing.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. Leonardson, for three years; D. G. Shepard, for two years; C. B. Ebey, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. B. Ebey, president; E. Leonardson, secretary; M. C. Sperrow, D. G. Shepard, F. J. Heilman.

TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES FREE METHODIST SEMINARY

Martin L. Winegarden, for one year; Marion C. Sperrow, for one year; David G. Shepard, for two years; Hugh L. Kibby, for two years; Ellsworth Leonardson, for three years; Henry Bush, for three years; George W. Griffith, for four years; Joel G. Baird, for four years; C. B. Ebey, for five years.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. B. Ebey,	J. B. Roberts,	A. B. Gill,	William Burkholder,
James Seals,	S. R. Gittins,	J. K. Freeland,	E. E. Ely,
S. F. Heilman,	F. A. Ames,	D. G. Shepard,	E. Cook,
David McLeod,	E. Leonardson,	Clyde R. Ebey,	T. B. Fisher,
E. G. Albright,	M. N. Huston,	M. N. Downing,	F. H. Horton.

DELEGATES

J. G. Baird,	Joseph Fish,	M. C. Sperrow,	Mina B. Spear,
F. J. Heil,	Jennie C. McLeod,	F. T. Allen,	J. S. B. Nickel,
William Blumfield,	J. S. Prophet,	J. Mushrush,	J. J. Harshman.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, D. G. Shepard, James Seals, David McLeod, F. J. Heil, Mina B. Spear, Jennie C. McLeod.

3, 4, 5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? E. G. Albright, Clyde R. Ebey, S. F. Heilman. Local deacons: J. G. Baird, M. H. Allen, F. A. Smith.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? E. Cook.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? M. N. Huston, S. R. Gittins, F. H. Horton, J. K. Freeland.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? M. N. Downing, from the Susquehanna conference; F. H. Horton, from the California conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The place left with C. B. Ebey, M. N. Downing, F. J. Heil, M. C. Sperrow and David McLeod; time as near the second Wednesday in June, 1904, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—M. N. Downing, District Elder, Whittier, California.

Los Angeles (First church).....David McLeod, 608 E. 6th St., Los Angeles, California
Los Angeles (Second church).....Mary Edinger, 2634 E. Pico St., Los Angeles, "
Pasadena and Lamanda Park....James Seals, 306 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, "
Whittier and La Habra.....Ada Pearce, supply, Whittier, "
Artesia and Cypress schoolhouse.....W. H. Burkholder, Monrovia, "
Compton, Long Beach and Moneta.....Clyde R. Ebey, Compton, "
Santa Ana .....E. Leonardson, 515 Fruit St., Santa Ana, "
Bolsa.....A. B. Gill, Bolsa, "
Monte Vista ..... J. F. Wornam, supply, Sunland, "
Monrovia and Vineland .....J. S. B. Nickel, supply, Monrovia, "
Santa Paula..... T. B. Fisher, Liberty, Arizona
San Diego.....J. B. Roberts, Nora C. Roberts, supply, San Diego, California
Santa Monica and Sawtelle.....F. A. Ames, Santa Monica, "

C. B. Ebey, conference evangelist and financial agent of the Los Angeles Free Methodist Seminary, 306 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, California; F. H. Horton, superannuated, 708 Cypress Ave., Pasadena, California; J. K. Freeland, superannuated, Station A, Pasadena, California; M. N. Huston, superannuated, Whittier, California; S. R. Gittins, superannuated, Artesia, California; E. Cook, supernumerary, Whittier, California; E. G. Albright, conference evangelist, San Diego, California.

HANFORD DISTRICT—E. E. ELY, District Elder, Hanford, California

Hanford.....To be supplied
Eureka and Kingsburg.....E. E. Ely
Tulare.....H. Richardson, supply, Tulare, California

SAN LUIS OBISPO DISTRICT—E. E. ELY, District Elder.

Arroyo Grande, Nipoma and Santa Maria.....W. T. Warren, supply
Paso Robles.....To be supplied

ARIZONA DISTRICT—D. G. SHEPARD, District Elder, 439 E. Adams street, Phœnix, Arizona

Phœnix.....S. F. Heilman, 439 E. Adams St., Phoenix, Arizona
Liberty and Pola Verde.....To be supplied
Prescott.....To be supplied
Globe and Livingston.....To be supplied
San Marcial.....To be supplied

LOCAL PREACHERS

E. C. Shipley...744 E. 8th St., Los Angeles, California.
H. M. Allen....2651 Orchard Ave., Los Angeles, California.
H. O. Lanham....608 E. 6th St., Los Angeles, California.
C. H. Witteman.....Santa Ana, California
Charles McDonald.....Bolsa, "
Ellen Burkholder.....Monrovia, "
J. G. Baird...1423 Mitchell Place, Los Angeles, California.
O. C. Chase....542 Ceres Ave., Los Angeles, California.
F. A. Smith.....Whittier, California
J. M. Cusick.....La Habra, "
F. T. Allen.....Santa Paula, "
C. W. Addington.....Monrovia, "
D. B. Harrer.....Liberty, Arizona
C. L. Hafley....San Marcial, New Mexico

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. M. S. Allen....2651 Orchard Ave., Los Angeles, California.
Elizabeth Wyatt....S 1524 Bellview Ave., Los Angeles, California.

EVANGELISTS

Effie Reed.....608 E. 6th St., Los Angeles, California.
Caroline Walters....1004 E. 57th St., Los Angeles, California.
Virginia Walters.....Murietta, California
Dr. J. G. Wilson.....Whittier, "
Mrs. J. G. Wilson..... " "
Nels Nelson.....Prescott, Arizona
Lena Nelson..... " "
Mrs. Ella Chase....642 Ceres Ave., Los Angeles, California.
Jennie C. McLeod...608 E. 6th St., Los Angeles, California.
Iva Engle.....Lamond Park, California
Elizabeth Albright... San Diego, "
Mary C. Bundy.....Santa Maria, "
Mrs. F. A. Smith.....Whittier, "
Mrs. L. M. Huston..... " "

MISCELLANEOUS

Five sittings of the conference were held in connection with the camp-meeting in Mineral Park, Los Angeles, California. General Superintendent E. P. Hart and wife were in attendance and their labors were much appreciated.

The following were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: C. L.

Hewitt, of the Arkansas and Southern Missouri conference; T. J. Kelly, a returned missionary; L. C. Ebey, of the Church of the Nazarine; Dr. J. G. Wilson, evangelist, of the Iowa conference; J. E. Kemp, of the North Indiana conference; Charles Fish, of the Pittsburg conference; N. S. Honn, of the California conference; Thomas Fluck, of the Nazarine church.

The conference collections were ordered to be taken as follows: First quarter, Conference Missions, not less than 25 cents per member; second quarter, General Missions, 15 cents per member; Church Extension, 10 cents per member; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'. Watch the *Free Methodist* for amounts not given.

Collections of over $200 were taken for various purposes aside from the San Jose Chinese Mission and Prescott mission.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION.

We sincerely believe in education. We believe that the children and youth of this nation have a right to the advantages of our free common schools, which are maintained at a cost of over $200,000,000. As one has said, "The safety of the nation is in the intelligence and conscience of the people."

We believe in *Christian education* for our boys and our girls and for all who can, by proper and legitimate means, be brought within its influence. Recognizing the fact that the child possesses a threefold nature—spiritual, intellectual and physical—we concede his right to training along corresponding lines.

Every school in our land should stand for the education of the whole man, but without controversy this is not the case. Too often the spiritual is sacrificed to the intellectual, or even for the gratification of the physical. Are we doing our whole duty by our children in the matter of Christian education? May we not learn a lesson from a great writer, a man of experience and wide observation. He says, "The Catholics retain their people by the education of their children. Protestants send their children to Sunday-school, and not to church, and lose a large portion of them, both from the church and the Sunday-schoo before they are out of their teens."

It is a fact admitted even by men who represent the liberal element in religious matters, that many of our higher institutions of learning are educating their students away from Christianity. A recent writer in the *Literary Digest* makes this sweeping statement in speaking of the destructive criticism in the universities of his country: "In reality, there are at present perhaps only two or three universities in Germany to which I would advise young men to go, with some hope that their Christian faith would remain unshaken."

According to recent statements of a man at the head of one of America's largest universities, the tendency in the higher educational institutions of this country is in the same direction. He declares "that there has been a remarkable decrease in the actual teaching of Christian truth in our colleges;" also "that few look forward to Christian service of any kind," that "many turn aside from the Christian ministry," that "many men and women who entered college as Christian workers in their churches, take little or no active part in church life after they have completed their college work."

With confidence, and with a deep feeling of gratitude to God, we believe it can truthfully be said that the schools established by our Zion have not exerted such influences, but on the other hand they have been centers of religious activity, and, while not all students who have attended these institutions have been converted, many a precious life has been turned from that of sin and rebellion against God to one of righteousness and usefulness in the Master's vineyard, and at the same time the person has been equipped intellectually for more efficient service.

Our hearts also go out in gratitude to God for the kind providence which indicates

that there will soon be another of these Christian schools established within the bounds of our own conference. We have great reason for rejoicing because of the generous donation of one hundred lots and a site by Mr. Ralph Rogers for school purposes; also for the hearty response of our people in the purchase of these lots; because also of the unity and co-operation on the part of our membership in the establishment of the proposed school; and further, because we are fortunate in having a sister conference to share with us in the work from the first. These and other considerations, especially the evident hand of providence in it all, encourage us to assume the responsibility, counting it an exalted privilege to co-operate with Him in the working out of his will. Let us also pray earnestly that this, our contemplated school, may ever be a center of influence for a true science and a pure faith.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CELIFORNIA CONFERENCE

CHARGE.	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT											
Los Angeles	$ 3 31	$ 3 29	$ 48 88	....	$ 635 55	$ 81 00	$ 31 02	1	$ 2000	1	$ 1500
Pasadena and Lamanda Park	.....	.....	42 70	...	580 00	53 66	25 00	1	3000	1	1500
Artesia	.....	.....	10 35	.....	156 26	21 35	31 45	1	300	1	150
Compton and Long Beach		.....	.....		96 14	27 15	65 54	..	.....	..	.....
Whittier and LaHabra	5 00	2 00	26 00	...	305 00	42 55	34 23	2	3800	..	..
Santa Ana	.....		30 00		527 50	82 79	40 0	1	20 0	1	1500
Santa Monica and Sawtelle	.....		20 24	35	335 38	39 15	16 60	1	200	..	.....
Santa Paula	.....	.....	17 53	.....	150 50	16 65	6 50	.	.....	..	.....
Monrovia and Vineland	.....	.....	13 25	.....	168 00	7 00	31 25	..	26	..	.....
Monte Vista		.....	...	.....	105 00	22 89	5 00	1	1000	..	.....
San Diego	2 00	.....	12 75	....	292 21	31 11	62 65	1	2500	..	.....
HANFORD DISTRICT											
Hanford	.....	..	.....	..	63 85	12 15	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Eureka and Kingsburg	.. ..	..	39 00	...	250 54	33 80	.....	1	800	1	250
Tulare and Lakeside	.....	...	.....	....	67 65	6 55	.....		.....	..	.....
SAN LUIS OBISPO DISTRICT											
Paso Robles	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 60	.....	..	.....	.	.....
Arroyo Grande, Nipoma and Santa Maria	.....	.....	... .	.....	13 00	[illegible] 87	64 75	..	.....	..	.....
ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO DIST.											
Phoenix	4 50	2 15	16 86	.....	407 09	79 28	.....	1	3300	1	450
Liberty and Gila Bend	.....	.....	10 40	....	200 00	67 10	.....	1	1100	1	200
Prescott	.....	..	3 62	.....	61 65	18 50	4 50	.	.....		.....
Cline and Livingston	.....	.. ..	....	.....	140 00	11 15	.....		.....	..	.....
San Marcial	.....	..	16 20	.....	99 20	27 00	.....	1	300		..
Total	$14 81	$ 7 44	$307 78	$ 35	$4654 52	$ 751 28	$ 418 49	13	$ 20[illegible]26	7	$ 5550

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

LOS ANGELES, HANFORD, SAN LUIS OBISPO AND ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT	D. G. Shepard, District Elder																	
Los Angeles	J. K. Freeland	69	8	77	5	5	1	12	118	25	$15 30	$ 9 18	$259 37	$ 7 65	$5 10	$ 4 90	$ 15 00	$178 07
Pasadena and La Manda Park	C. B. Ebey	46	1	47	..	1	1	9	62	17	7 80	4 16	6 50	3 90	2 60	.	10 00	65 72
Artesia	S. R. Gittins	13		13	..	1	1	4	15	6	3 90	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 30	1 95	....	...
Compton and Long Beach	Clyde R. Ebey	9	1	10				....		....	3 30	2 00	2 25	1 65	1 10	1 65	2 80	50
Whittier and La Habra	F. A. Ames	32	1	33	2	2	2	11	70	13	7 20	4 32	6 00	3 60	2 40	3 60	5 40	26 08
Santa Ana	Ellsworth Leonardson	50	4	54	1	..	1	12	60	11	17 10	10 26	14 25	8 55	5 70		..	39 47
Santa Monica and Sawtelle	T. B. Fisher	28	2	30	..	..	1	5	35	6	5 70	3 42	5 13	2 85	1 90		1 00	....
Santa Paula	J. B. Roberts	4	..	4	1	..	1	6	40	2	2 10	1 26	1 75	1 05	70	1 09	.....	...
Monrovia and Vineland	William Burkholder	2	2	4	1	1	1	5	10	2	2 70	1 62	2 25	1 35	90	1 35	.....	.....
Monte Vista	J. T. Wornam	9	..	9	..		..	....	....	1	2 10	1 26	1 75	1 05	70	1 05	74	.
San Diego	Edwin G. Albright	19	2	21	1	1	1	5	....	7	5 40	2 70	4 50	3 24	1 80	1 30	.....	6 46
HANFORD DISTRICT	James Seals, District Elder																	
Hanford	James Seals	6	...	6	..	..	..	....	....	3	3 30	1 98	2 75	1 65	1 10	...	.....	.....
Eureka and Kingsburg	E. E. Ely	12	...	12	..		1	5	35	1	3 90	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 30	1 95	4 25	.....
Tulare and Lakeside	C. W. Addington	6	1	7	..			....	....	1	.....	70	1 75	.....	.....	55	....	...
SAN LUIS OBISPO DISTRICT	James Seals, District Elder																	
Paso Robles	James Seals	14	..	14	..	..	..	..	....	2	2 65	.....	4 50	.....	.....	90	.....	.....
Arroyo Grande, Nipoma and Santa Maria	Mary C. Bundy	15	6	21	..	1	..	....	....	9	3 70	1 62	2 25	1 35	90	.....	.....	.....
ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO DISTRICT	David McLeod, District Elder																	
Phoenix	S. F. Heilman	26	1	27	1	4	1	7	38	15	4 20	2 52	3 50	2 10	1 40	2 10	1 50	.....
Liberty and Gila Bend	F. A. Smith	13	1	14	1	1	1	6	25	6	5 70	3 42	4 75	2 85	1 90	2 55	.....	.....
Prescott	N. C Nelson	....	.	....	.	..	1	5	28	....	60	40	50	30	20	30	.....	.... ..
Cline and Livingston	E. A. Blackmer	11	3	14	..	..	..	....	..	4	1 80	90	2 65	85	....	....	.....	.....
San Marcial	C. L. Hafley	15	1	16	1	..	1	5	25	4	2 70	1 62	2 25	1 35	90	....	.....	.....
Total		399	34	433	14	17	15	97	561	135	$101 15	$68 02	$335 15	$49 24	$31 90	$25 24	$ 40 69	$316 29

Pico Heights Mission $216.62. Chinese Mission, San Jose, $30.

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NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Sixth Annual Session, held on the Camp-ground near Gardner, North Dakota, July 2-4, 1903

OFFICERS

A. L. WHITCOMB, *President.*

W. S. BALLENGER, *Secretary.* V. D. POOLE, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—A. L. Whitcomb, C. G. Heath, W. Barham.
On Publications—J. W. Searing, H. A. Spicer, John Burchill.
On State of the Work—C. G. Heath, H. A. Wolcott.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Nominate a Board of Examiners for the Ensuing Year—A. L. Whitcomb.
On Sabbath-schools—H. G. Bachman, H. A. Spicer, W. H. Thomas.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—O. E. McCracken, J. W. Searing.
On Reforms—W. Barham, Thomas Heath, W. H. Thomas.
On Education—C. G. Heath, W. W. Bemis, John Burchill.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. S. Shaver.
To Receive Various Conference Funds—H. A. Spicer.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. G. Heath, 1906; W. Barham, 1905; W. S. Ballenger, 1904.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents'; third quarter, Church Extension; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

CONFERENCE HOME MISSION BOARD

Red River district, W. S. Ballenger, Mrs. C. M. Rumsey; Larimore district, H. G. Bachman, O. E. Rice. Officers—C. G. Heath, president; W. S. Ballenger, vice-president and secretary; Mrs. C. M. Rumsey, treasurer.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. G. Heath, W. S. Ballenger, O. E. McCracken, E. G. Greenup,
A. G. Parks, W. Barham, H. A. Spicer, F. A. Reeves,
C. M. Rumsey.

DELEGATES

John Burchill, W. W. Bemis, H. G. Bachman, C. S. Shaver,
J. W. Searing, W. H. Thomas, H. A. Wolcott, Thomas Heath.

2. Who are the stationing committee? A. L. Whitcomb, C. G. Heath, H. A. Wolcott.

3. None.

4. Who remain on trial? Vern D. Poole.

5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? C. M. Rumsey.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? O. E. McCracken.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? F. A. Reeves.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? C. M. Rumsey, from the Missouri conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? A. G. Parks.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? F. A. Reeves, $30.00.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Jamestown, North Dakota, as near the first Wednesday in October, 1904, as is consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

RED RIVER DISTRICT—C. G. Heath, District Elder, Minnie Lake, North Dakota.

Gardner.....W. Barham, Gardner, North Dakota
Fargo and Barrie.....V. D. Poole, Fargo, " "
Grand Prairie and Stillman S. H.....W. S. Ballenger, Valley City, " "
Glenfield and McHenry Town.. ..... C. S. Shaver, supply, Courtney, " "
Edmunds and Buchanan.....H. A. Spicer, Edmunds, " "
Jamestown and Steele.....C. M. Rumsey, Jamestown, " "
Wilton and Washburn..... ....To be supplied

O. E. McCracken, supernumerary, Gardner, North Dakota: Mrs. C. G. Heath, conference evangelist, Minnie Lake, North Dakota; Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, conference evangelist, Valley City, North Dakota.

LARIMORE DISTRICT—C. G. Heath, District Elder.

Larimore, Mayville and Park River.....H. G. Bachman, supply, Larimore, North Dakota
Crary and Nixon S. H.....Mrs. Ella Klein, supply, Crary, " "
Granville and Ray.... .....To be supplied

F. A. Reeves, superannuated; E. G. Greenup, left without an appointment.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

General Missions—Apportioned and paid, $20.85.
Church Extension—Apportioned and paid, $13.90.
General Superintendents' Salary—Apportioned and paid, $25.02.
Conference Claimants' Fund—Apportioned and paid, $51.70.
To Publish the Minutes—$16.10.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—$294.40.

II.—ON HOME MISSIONS.

1. In accordance with the provision of the Free Methodist Discipline we organize a Home Missionary Board.

2. The board shall be composed of one preacher and one layman from each district, elected yearly by the annual conference from among its members. The district elders

shall be members of said board by virtue of their office. All the members of said board shall serve to the close of the conference year or until their successors are elected.

3. The officers of the board shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who shall be elected by the board from among its members.

4. The object of the board shall be to provide means to assist laborers in new fields and to aid weak charges.

5. It shall be the duty of the elders assisted by the preachers in charge to publish and hold as many missionary meetings as there are preaching places on their circuits. At these meetings collections and subscriptions shall be taken and collectors appointed. Books shall be furnished the collectors with names of subscribers and amount pledged which they shall collect.

6. It shall be the duty of the board to estimate and appropriate the amounts necessary for new mission fields, and to assist weak charges, as their judgment may dictate and the funds of the board will allow.

7. The board shall make an annual report of all its business to the annual conference.

8. It shall be the duty of each preacher to forward all funds raised on his charge to the treasurer at the end of each quarter.

III.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee is pleased to report that our work as a whole is in a better condition than we have ever known it to be. We have been acquainted with the work in the state ever since it began, and never have known a time when such a spirit of harmony prevailed throughout our ranks among the ministry and laity. With each quarter the past year we have seen the tide of spirituality rise higher and higher. Shocks of divine power have been felt in all parts of the conference, while preaching the word. The converts are clear and strong and those sanctified have the clear witness of the Spirit.

Our work is manned by a godly, conscientious band of preachers who stand by the old land mark and believe in keeping filled with the Spirit. Our members with few exceptions are plain, and the business men of our church are full of integrity. While we are straight on all the issues of the church, we know of no fanaticism in all our borders. While we believe in the freedom of the Spirit we do not believe in *trying* to make our light shine. During the past year some very godly and influential families have united with us, but we have let down no bars to take them in.

Three points in the North district have suffered for want of pastors, but the opening of our work is still good in these parts. During the past spring three of our blood washed saints have crossed the line of worlds and are safe to-day in the paradise of God. Our loss is their eternal gain.

With few exceptions our preachers have been well supported during the past year. The energetic people of the Northwest prefer spirituality to formalism, and in this clean, prohibition state we find but little opposition to our issues on the tobacco question. We have found also that our teachings on plain dress are usually acceptable to educated and refined people.

During the year one new church has been built and paid for near Granville. At Glenfield we have a new parsonage all paid for and money raised to build a new church which will go up this summer or fall. Our church property is free from debt with the exception of a small amount for repairing the barn at Crary. The buildings are neat, clean and plain.

Our work is opening fast in the West and we have more calls than either the elder or preachers can fill. The fields are white and the polished sickles of our reapers are gathering the golden sheaves at the Master's bidding. We hope and pray that God will keep us all humble.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

We believe it is almost impossible to overestimate the value of a thorough, Christian education. We are living in an age which demands the best in every department of life. As the lawyer or doctor can not succeed without preparation, so in the work of the Lord we can not expect to gain the highest degree of success until, by careful study, we have prepared ourselves for our life work. Most of the world's greatest reformers have been educated men filled with the Holy Ghost. While we believe that the Lord can use men with little or no education, we find that these same men when thoroughly prepared for their work can be used of the Holy Spirit to far greater advantage. We wish to be clearly understood that we are strictly opposed to substituting education for the Holy Ghost, for we realize that no man is quite so complete a failure as the one who is so talented or educated that he no longer finds it necessary to depend upon the Holy Spirit.

We find that our public schools are often a source of discouragement to converted children, dancing and other worldliness often being taught or encouraged in these schools. The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," and we believe that the kind of education the child receives in his youth has a great deal to do with the salvation of his soul.

We wish to recommend to our people our own denominational schools, especially our

seminary at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, which is nearer to the members of our conference than any of our other schools. The principal and the faculty hold before the students the idea that the salvation of the soul is the one thing needful and that their education will be useless unless their lives are given up to the service of God.

We know that the tendency among our North Dakota farmers is to keep the boys and girls at home to work on the farm, especially if they have received a common school education. but we believe that the best legacy parents can leave their children is a thorough education and we know that the only *thorough* education is that which may be obtained in our Christian schools where the spiritual is developed along with the mental.

MISCELLANEOUS

The sixth annual session of this conference was held in connection with a camp-meeting near Gardner, North Dakota. From the first God's presence was manifest and the atmosphere was heavenly. Unity and love prevailed.

The efficient labors of Rev. A. L. Whitcomb, who presided (by appointment of W. T. Hogue). were greatly appreciated by all. His address given at the close of each sitting was timely and to the point. His sermons will not soon be forgotten by those who heard them.

The preachers go to their respective fields of labor with renewed courage to see victory and salvation. It has been said, "This was the best session of conference since its organization."

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RED RIVER DISTRICT											
Fargo	.....	.....	.....	...	$ 360 80	$ 27 39	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Gardner	.	$11 03	$ 34 00	...	500 00	98 56	$ 4 75	1	$1200	..	.....
Grand Prairie	....	9 80	38 45		700 00	100 00	53 03	1	1600	1	$ 800
Jamestown	....	....	15 31	$ 40	261 08	37 97	14 95	1	600	1	600
Glenfield, Courtney and McHenry	....	....	10 20	.....	250 00	46 85	14 34		.....	1	500
Wilton	....	....	.....	.....	5 00	14 80	.....		.....	..	.....
LARIMORE DISTRICT											
Larimore and Park River		....	.....	.....	259 00	65 15	.....	..	.....	1	1400
Crary	.....	....	12 00	.....	401 02	63 20	.....		.....	1	700
Granville and Chicota		.....	13 49	.....	15 00	53 61	.....	1	20		.....
Total		$20 83	$ 123 45	$ 40	$2751 85	$ 502 53	$ 87 07	4	$3500	5	$4000

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RED RIVER AND LARIMORE DISTRICTS

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Fargo	C. M. Rumsey, supply	8	1	9	..	..	..	....	....	3	$ 2 40	$ 1 44	$ 13 25	$ 1 20	$ 80	$ 1 40	.....	.....
Gardner	W. Barham	26	1	27	..	..	2	9	70	6	6 60	3 96	11 50	3 30	2 20	6 00	$ 79	$ 99 14
Grand Prairie	W. S. Ballenger	40	1	41	..	2	1	8	40	6	12 30	7 38	.....	6 15	4 10	6 56	22 00	.....
*Jamestown	V. D. Poole	22	4	26	..		1	7	35	9	3 90	2 34	.....	1 95	1 30	1 95	1 50	10 00
Glenfield, Courtney and McHenry	H. A. Spicer	16	8	24	..	2	2	9	53	6	1 80	90	.....	90	60	1 00	30 00	25 65
Wilton	C. S. Shaver, supply	6	...	6	..	..	..	....	....	2	1 20	72	.....	60	40	60	.....	.....
LARIMORE DISTRICT	C. G. Heath, District Elder																	
Larimore and Park River	C. G. Heath	10	...	10	..	..	..	....	..	2	90	54	.....	45	30	61	.....	.....
Crary	F. A. Reeves	13	..	13	..	..	1	8	38	4	4 20	2 52	.....	2 10	1 40	2 10	.....	.....
Granville and Chicota	H. G. Bachman, supply	15	..	15	2	..	1	4	20	5	4 50	2 70	.....	2 25	1 50	2 25	.....	.....
Total		156	15	171	2	4	8	45	256	43	$ 27 80	$ 22 50	$ 24 75	$ 18 90	$ 12 60	$ [illegible] 47	$ 54 29	$134 79

*Received $25 from the General Mission Board

COLORADO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session, held at Denver, Colorado, August 12–15, 1903

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

J. I. COUNCIL, *Secretary.* F. F. STEWART, *Assistant Secretary.*

G. A. LOOMIS, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, A. J. McKinney.

On the State of the Work—J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, G. M. Rowley, E. N. Veal.

On Publications—J. W. Marshall, E. N. Veal, J. W. Glazier, J. F. Walker, G. M. Rowley.

On Reforms—Frank DuPee, G. A. Loomis, F. W. Wathen.

On Sunday-schools—W. W. Jellison, Carrie Harris.

On Publishing the Minutes—J. I. Council, F. F. Stewart.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—F. F. Stewart.

On Education—A. J. McKinney, Eunice Council, Frank DuPee.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. A. Hopper, Annie Lyness.

On Ministerial Relations—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—E. P. Hart, J. I. Council, J. F. Garrett, G. M. Rowley, H. A. Crouch.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—W. W. Jellison.

On the State of the Work—J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council.

On Reforms—A. J. McKinney.

On Education—J. W. Marshall.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. F. Garrett, for two years; A. J. McKinney, for one year; J. A. Hopper, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. J. McKinney, Frank DuPee, F. W. Wathen, J. W. Glazier, G. M. Rowley.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

First quarter, General Missions; Conference Missions, a sum equal to twenty-five cents per member to be forwarded, as soon as taken, to the district elders, to be applied by them where most needed; second quarter, Foreign Missions and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President, Miss Lizzie R. Lammie, Coaldale, Colorado; recording secretary, Mrs. Lucy McKinney, 320 South Water street, Denver, Colorado; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ora W. Glazier, 2144 Spruce street, Boulder, Colorado; treasurer, Miss Hattie J. Handyside, Colorado City, Colorado.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. F. Garrett, G. A. Loomis, J. I. Council, W. T. Warren,
J. W. Glazier, J. A. DaFoe, W. W. Jellison, J. W. Marshall,
J. A. Hopper, C. B. Langdon, J. E. Outland, S. G. Roper,
J. F. Walker, P. G. Sandy, Frank DuPee, A. J. McKinney,
F. F. Stewart, G. W. Yoder, A. G. Galbraith, F. D. Palmer,
G. B. Lane.

DELEGATES

G. M. Rowley, Annie Lyness, Cathrine Gatewood, F. W. Wathen,
E. N. Veal, Carrie Harris, H. A. Crouch, Eunice Council,
Nels Magnuson.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, J. F. Garrett, J. I. Council, G. M. Rowley, H. A. Crouch.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Calvin O. Bancroft, a probationer of one year from the Wabash conference.

4. Who remain on trial? W. B. Kerby.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? George B. Lane.

6. Who are the deacons? J. F. Walker, F. F. Stewart, G. W. Yoder, G. B. Lane.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? S. G. Roper, P. G. Sandy, at their own request; J. E. Outland, according to ¶ 84 of the Discipline.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? A. G. Galbraith.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? F. D. Palmer, an elder from the North Michigan conference; C. O. Bancroft, a probationer from the Wabash conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. T. Warren, J. O. Hockett.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. G. Galbraith, $30; Mrs. Eunice Vipond, $75; Mrs. Hannah Risheill, $50.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Howard, Colorado, as near the second Wednesday in August, 1904, as will suit the general superintendent holding the same.

APPOINTMENTS

NORTHERN DISTRICT—J. F. Garrett, District Elder, 1780 South Washington street, Denver, Colorado.

Denver.....A. J. McKinney, 320 South Water street, Denver, Colorado
Boulder..... J. W. Glazier, 2144 Spruce Street, Boulder, "
Longmont and Lyons.....F. D. Palmer
Loveland, Berthoud and Collins.....William Graining, supply
Table Rock and Husted .....J. F. Walker

Erie and Louisville.....C. O. Bancroft
Colorado Springs.....J. W. Marshall, 229 Cheyenne avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Colorado City..... Hattie J. Handyside. Carrie Harris, supplies, Colorado City, "
Woodland Park and Divide..G. A. Loomis, 623 N. Walnut St., Colorado Springs, "
Leadville.....To be supplied
Parkers and Sullivan..... James Goode, supply
Delta, Crawford and Cedar Edge.....Levi DeBusk, supply, Crawford, Colorado
Morrison, Ft. Logan and Littleton..... Albert Edwards, supply
Salt Lake and Ogden.....To be supplied
Falcon and Peyton..... W. B. Kerby, Falcon, Colorado

J. A. DaFoe, conference evangelist; W. T. Warren and J. O. Hockett, given certificates of standing with a view to transfer to other conferences; S. G. Roper, located at his own request with his membership at Salt Lake City, Utah.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—J. I. Council, District Elder, Canon City, Colorado.

Fountain.....W. W. Jellison, Fountain, Colorado
Pueblo..... J. A. Hopper, 29 Block W, Pueblo, "
Chico and Rocky Ford.....G. W. Yoder, Nyburg, "
Beaver Creek and Williamsburg.....To be supplied
Canon City..... G. B. Lane. 719 Prospect street. Canon City, Colorado
Wet Mountain Valley.....Archie Anderson, supply
Howard and Salida.....F. F. Stewart, Howard, Colorado
San Luis Valley.....To be supplied
Trinidad.....To be supplied
Pine River and Hesperus.....Frank DuPee, Bayfield, Colorado
Cripple Creek.....To be supplied

A. G. Galbraith, superannuated; C. B. Langdon, conference evangelist; P. G. Sandy, located at his own request, with his membership at Howard, Colorado: J. E. Outland, located according to Discipline, ¶ 84, with his membership at San Luis Valley.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

H. A. Crouch.....Fountain, Colorado
B. L. Calhoun.....Nyburg, "
Mrs. Lina West..R. F. D. No. 1, Pueblo, Colorado
I. H. Hightower.....Canon City, Colorado
S. G. Roper.....Salt Lake City, Utah
J. E. Outland..... Lockett, Colorado
W. M. Reed.....837 E. Cache la Pondre St., Colorado Springs, Colorado
Cyrus Marsh.....Los Angeles, California
G. W. Staley ....715 N. Wahsatch Ave., Colorado Springs, Colorado
Mrs. Ora W. Glazier.....2144 Spruce street, Boulder, Colorado
Mrs. A. E. Jellison....Fountain, Colorado
Mrs. Annie Lyness.....Pueblo, "
Mrs. Hattie E. Williams.....Corner Sixth and Grand Aves., Pueblo. Colorado
Mrs. M. M. Resbr..Colorado City, Colorado
P. G. Sandy.....Howard, "
William Grenfel.....Denver, "
S. Matthews.....515 Bristol St., Springs, Colorado "
Nelson Magnuson.... Berthoud, "
Mrs. Augusta McArthur..1508 Grant Ave., Colorado Springs, Colorado
F. E. Carmack.....Bayfield, Colorado

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

The labors of the year have been, in a fair degree, successful. Revival meetings have been held on several of our circuits, in which quite a number of persons have been converted, and some have been sanctified, a good number of whom have joined us in church fellowship. Each district has held one camp-meeting which has been more than ordinarily good, and has greatly encouraged the laborers. There have been some very interesting and helpful Sunday-school conventions held which have resulted in improvement in every department of Sunday-school work.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has held several interesting and profitable meetings, and they are doing much for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Our only regret is that so few of our preachers and laymen have been able to attend our general gatherings. As usual there have been quite a number of removals by letter this year, and some have died. Some of our laborers have pushed out into the regions beyond, and good results have followed their effort. A very good building with four rooms and a cellar has been built for a parsonage at Pueblo. The whole of the one hundred and fifty dollars in-

debtedness on the parsonage property at Colorado Springs, has been paid, and the debt on the Canon City parsonage which was also one hundred and fifty dollars has been all paid but fifteen dollars, and that is provided for, which justly causes us to rejoice. On the whole our work is growing. The quality is good. Our preachers, as a whole, are improving. Perhaps we still need more of the joy of the Lord and of the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon us. Let us at once declare our candidacy for the same, and more than ever before, lay ourselves out for sacrifice and service in the glorious cause we have espoused. We have improved; we can still improve; we must improve, or we shall not be able to hold the ground we already occupy, much less to enlarge our borders and form new circuits. To do this we need to wisely plan our labors and not allow ourselves to be satisfied with present attainments. We need to be careful how we listen to the cry of "narrow-mindedness" and "fanaticism" as applied to our polity that is raised by some "holiness workers." Our doctrines and laws have been framed by some of the best men the world has ever known—men who were renowned for their learning as well as their piety. Thousands more of our fathers and mothers, our brothers and sisters and friends have endorsed them, and are living by them to be the greatest blessing to their generation there is in the world. Let us stand by them, and not be afraid to recommend them to others to be made the rule of their lives also. Ours is, in every sense of the word, a holiness church, and all of our meetings are for the promotion of Bible holiness. We should see to it that every family of Free Methodists within our borders has a copy of our church paper and our book of discipline. As we increase in knowledge we shall increase in strength and usefulness. Let the preachers carefully instruct the membership concerning their duties in removing from one circuit to another and the payment of conference claims, and we will have done much toward relieving ourselves of the embarrassment we have experienced in the past on account of delinquents.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
NORTHERN DISTRICT											
Denver	....	$ 3 23	$ 104 90	$10 00	$ 786 50	$ 100 00	$ 114 49	1	$ 1500	1	$ 800
Boulder	....	1 50	....	....	300 00	39 41	....	..	....	1	300
Longmont, Berthoud and Lyons	$ 1 50	....	13 20	30	181 98	33 41	....	1	1800	..	.
Loveland and Fort Collins	..	....	....	....	125 15	24 06	....	..	....	..	....
Table Rock and Husted	....	....	....	....	10 00	12 50	....	..	....	..	....
Fondis and Ramah	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....
Falcon, Franceville and Peyton	....	....	....	....	58 36	22 83	....	..	....	1	175
Colorado Springs	....	....	39 26	....	525 00	90 00	66 00	1	2000	1	800
Colorado City	....	....	47 95	30	160 80	22 31	2 25	..	....	..	..
Woodland Park and Divide	....	....	....	....	....	8 36	....	1	800	1	200
Leadville	....	..	....	....	....	5 00	....	..	....		....
Hill Top and Parkers	-	....	....	....	....	8 00	....	..	....		....
Delta and Crawford	....	....	....	....	14 21	23 24	....	..	....	..	....
Salt Lake and Ogden	....	....	....	....	125 00	....	....	1	1000	..	....
Other sources	....	....	....	....	....	48 00	....	..	....	..	....
SOUTHERN DISTRICT											
Fountain	....	5 25	31 03	....	317 50	50 00	34 51	1	1800	1	900
Pueblo	....	....	13 68	....	248 77	39 40	25 45	1	1000	1	800
Chico and Rocky Ford	....	....	....	....	160 00	46 06	....	..	....	1	2.0
Beaver Creek and Williamsburg	....	....	14 50	....	....	19 00	15 00	..	....	..	....
Canon City	....	....	22 60	....	283 40	54 55	18 85	1	1000	1	500
Wet Mountain Valley	....	....	....	....	....	27 45	....	..	....	..	....
Howard	....	3 50	32 50	....	321 75	65 54	49 26	1	800	1	300
Salida and Coaldale	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....
San Luis Valley	....	....	....	....	....	20 41	....	..	....	..	....
Cripple Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....
Trinidad	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....
Bayfield	....	....	....	....	173 95	60 65	18 60	1	600	1	200
Hesperus and Mancos	....	....	....	....	32 80	10 05	....	..	....	..	..
General missions	....	....	....	....	....	50 00	....	..	....	..	....
Other sources	....	....	....	....	....	15 65	....	..	....	..	....
Total	$ 1 50	$13 48	$ 319 62	$10 60	$3825 17	$ 890 88	$ 344 41	10	$ 12300	11	$ 5175

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE—Continued

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
NORTHERN DISTRICT	J. F. Garrett, District Elder																	
Denver	A. J. McKinney	64	7	71	3	..	1	15	100	16	$ 24 30	$ 14 58	$ 20 25	$ 12 15	$ 8 10	....	$ 13 20	$ 97 74
*Boulder	J. O. Hockett	33	13	46	1	3	1	8	56	7	7 50	4 50	.....	3 75	....	....	2 56	....
†Longmont, Berthoud and Lyons	J. F. Walker	13	2	15	..		1	4	15	3	4 50	2 70	.....	2 25	80	....	50 00	23 72
Loveland and Fort Collins	J. W. Glazier	6	1	7	..	1		....	....	4	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....
Table Rock and Husted	Augusta McArthur, supply	....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	..	90	54	50	45	30	....	....	....
Fondis and Ramah	Supplied	....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....
Falcon, Franceville and Peyton	G. A. Loomis	4	..	4	..	..	..	....	....	2	3 00	1 45	2 60	1 50	1 00	....	....	....
Colorado Springs	J. W. Marshall	45	4	49	4	1	1	7	48	10	14 70	8 82	12 25	7 35	4 90	....	....	66 00
Colorado City	Hattie J. Handyside, supply	6	1	7	..	2	1	8	90	1	1 5	90	75	75	50	....	11 25	....
Woodland Park and Divide	Supplied	3	..	3	..	..	..	....	....	1	90	54	.....	45	....	....	....	....
Leadville	Supplied	4	..	4	..	..	..	....	....	1	1 20	72	50	60	40	....	....	....
Hill Top and Parkers	James Goode, supply	....	..	....	1	..	..	....	....	..	60	36	.....	30	20	....	....	....
Delta and Crawford	Levi DeBusk, supply	4	..	4	1	1	..	....	....	2	1 20	72	1 00	60	40	....	....	....
Salt Lake and Ogden	S. G. Roper, H. J. Starkey, sup	3	1	4		1	1	3	20	1	1 20	72	.....	60	40	....	....	....
SOUTHERN DISTRICT	J. I. Council, District Elder																	
Fountain	W. W. Jellison	23	3	26	1	1	1	10	65	6	6 00	3 60	1 00	3 00	2 00	$ 3 00	3 20	36 37
Pueblo	Frank DuPee	31	11	42	1	2	1	7	47	6	7 50	3 75	2 40	3 75	2 50	..	1 10	10 37
Chico and Rocky Ford	P. G. Sandy	8	..	8	1	1	..	....	....	3	2 40	1 44	1 00	1 20	80	....	....	....
Beaver Creek and Williamsburg	W. B. Kerby	3	..	3	..		..	....	....	1	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....
Canon City	G. B. Lane	23	8	31	1	1	1	7	50	5	6 00	3 60	2 00	3 00	2 00	....	....	12 25
Wet Mountain Valley	Supplied	7	..	7	..	..	..	....	....	2	90	54	75	45	30	....	....	....
Howard	F. F. Stewart	31	10	41	..		3	18	115	11	8 40	5 04	7 00	4 35	2 90	....	....	75 00
Salida and Coaldale	Supplied	....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....
San Luis Valley	Supplied	5		5	..		..	....	....	1	1 80	1 08	1 50	90	60	....	....	....
Cripple Creek	Supplied	....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....
Trinidad	Supplied	....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....
Bayfield	J. A. Hopper	10		10	1	..	1	6	30	5	1 30	1 98	2 75	1 65	2 75	....	....	....
Hesperus and Mancos	G. W. Yoder	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	....	2	2 10	1 26	1 75	1 05	70	....	....	....
Surplus from delegates to General Conference and collection taken at conference to make up the deficiency		....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	4 10	2 86	.....	90	2 45	....	....	....
Total		330	61	391	15	14	13	93	636	90	$ 102 00	$ 61 20	$ 62 00	$ 51 00	$ 34 00	$ 3 00	$ 81 31	$ 21 45

*J. O. Hockett resigned this charge the latter part of May and J. W. Glazier was appointed for the remainder of the year.

†J. F. Walker resigned this charge and it was supplied the remainder of the year by William Graining.

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held at Yutan, Nebraska, August 19–22, 1903

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

O. L. BARNES, *Secretary.* I. C. GRABILL, *Assistant Secretary*

A. S. McCLURE, *Statistical Secretary.* MINNIE A. BEERS, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Wilson T. Hogue, E. Ballenger, R. F. Johnston, W. W. Bruce.

On Publications—R. F. Johnston, Minnie A. Beers, F. K. Mayne.

On Education—W. W. Bruce, A. S. McClure, F. J. Atkinson.

On Sabbath-schools—O. L. Barnes, A. S. McClure, F. K. Mayne.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—F. K. Mayne, Minnie A. Beers, O. L. Barnes.

To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. L. Cleveland.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Conference Claims and Claimants—Wilson T. Hogue, E. Ballenger, W. W. Bruce, T. T. McCall, W. P. Green.

On State of the Work—E. Ballenger, W. W. Bruce, F. K. Mayne.

On Ministerial Relations and Efficiency—Sidney Mills, E. E. Hatfield, I. C. Grabill, A. S. McClure, L. E. Barnes.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. W. Bruce, chairman; O. L. Barnes, secretary; T. T. McCall, W. P. Green, J. A. Finch.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. W. Bruce, chairman; O. L. Barnes, secretary; R. F. Johnston.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—W. W. Bruce. On Education—R. F. Johnston.

On State of the Work—The district elders. On Reforms—A. S. McClure.

On Missions—The stationing committee. On Sunday-schools—I. C. Grabill.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference and General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' claim; third quarter, Church Extension and Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. O. L. Barnes, president, Yutan, Nebraska; Minnie A. Beers, recording secretary, Concord, Nebraska; Ella Andress, corresponding secretary, 2003 South 8th street, Omaha, Nebraska; Emma Wells, treasurer, 2421 Dodge street, Omaha, Nebraska.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. Ballenger, W. W. Harris, J. A. Finch, J. B. Davis,
A. J. Houver, Sidney Mills, J. E. Evans, L. E. Barnes,
O. L. Barnes, E. E. Hatfield, R. F. Johnston, W. W. Bruce,
C. C. Cox, A. S. McClure, F. J. Atkinson, I. C. Grabill,
Henry Allgor.

DELEGATES

W. C. Zicafoose, Alberto Bennett, T. T. McCall, Idella M. Atkinson,
Morris Williams, Clara Leypoldt, Ella Corey, F. K. Mayne,
J. L. Cleveland, J. V. Parks, James McCreath, Minnie A. Beers,
T. B. Wilson, T. C. Morrison, W. P. Green, Anna Christensen,
S. A. Painter.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, E. Ballenger, W. W. Bruce, T. T. McCall, W. P. Green.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? T. W. Rutledge, L. M. Poff, T. B. Wilson.

4. Who remain on trial? E. E. Dillon, L. Daily, M. Hartsock.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Henry Allgor.

6. Who are the deacons? A. J. Houver, J. E. Evans, L. E. Barnes, A. S. McClure, F. J. Atkinson, I. C. Grabill, Henry Allgor.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. B. Davis, A. J. Houver, J. E. Evans.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? Sidney Mills.

11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. W. Harris.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16–23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Butte, Nebraska, as near the middle of August, 1904, as will suit the arrangement of the general superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were seven sittings of the conference. General Superintendent Wilson T. Hogue presided with general acceptability. His sermons and addresses were very encouraging to all. Rev. W. M. Adams of the Kansas, Rev. B. O. Dewey of the Central Illinois, Rev. M. L. Schooley of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa, and Rev. E. N. Miller of the West Iowa conferences were present, preaching once each.

The conference ordered that a collection of twenty-five cents per member be taken for the home mission claim and sent to the conference treasurer.

The conference ordered that all conference collections be forwarded to the conference treasurer, Minnie A. Beers, Concord, Nebraska.

Henry Allgor was ordained deacon at the commencement of the Sunday afternoon services.

Miss Emma Appling, returned missionary from India, held a missionary meeting Sunday afternoon and a collection was taken amounting to $61.00.

APPOINTMENTS

LINCOLN DISTRICT—W. W. Bruce, District Elder, 1101 Huff street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Lincoln ..... To be supplied
Yutan and Bethel ..... O L. Barnes, Yutan, Nebraska
Wahoo, Mt. Carmel and Bright Star ..... T. W. Rutledge, Wahoo, "
Nebraska City ..... L. E. Barnes, Nebraska City, "
Tecumseh and Table Rock ..... L. E. Daily, Tecumseh, "
Wymore ..... I. C. Grabill, Wymore, "
Belvidere ..... To be supplied
York and Low Prairie ..... R. F. Johnston, York, Nebraska

E. Ballenger, Box 922, Lincoln, Nebraska, and C. C. Cox, left without appointment; A. J. Houver, J. B. Davis, supernumerary; W. W. Harris, given a certificate of standing with view to transfer.

OMAHA DISTRICT—W. W. Bruce, District Elder.

Omaha ..... E. E. Hatfield, Yutan, Nebraska
LaPlatte ..... Loretta Thomas, supply, LaPlatte, "
Louisville and Weeping Water ..... F. W. Quass, supply, Yutan, "
Blair ..... F. J. Atkinson, Blair, "
Fremont, Arlington and Elk City ..... Wm. McElfresh, supply, Fremont, "

NORFOLK DISTRICT—J. A. Finch, District Elder, Butte, Nebraska.

Norfolk, Birch and Meadow Grove ..... M. Hartsock
Fairview and Clay Ridge ..... To be supplied
Inman and Page ..... To be supplied
Concord, St. Peters and Norris ..... Minnie A. Beers, supply

J. E. Evans, supernumerary.

BUTTE DISTRICT—J. A. Finch, District Elder.

Butte and Riverside ..... A. S. McClure, Butte, Nebraska
Mt. Zion, Bonesteel and Naper ..... L. M. Poff, Naper, "
Newport and Kirkwood ..... E. E. Dillon, Kirkwood, "
Lynch and Gross ..... David E. Powell, supply,
Mills, Shilo and Lake View ..... T. B. Wilson
Ainsworth and Mayblow ..... To be supplied
Sandy, Ray and Leoni ..... H. Allgor, Butte, Nebraska

Sidney Mills, superannuated without claim.

LOCAL PREACHERS

F. W. Quass ..... Mead, Nebraska
W. W. Parrioh ..... Nebraska City, Nebraska
J. V. Parks ..... Lincoln, Nebraska
H. D. Green ..... Butte, "
T. T. McCall, 2228 So. 6th St., Omaha, Nebraska.

EVANGELISTS

L. Fereman ..... Basin, Nebraska
N. J. Smith ..... 2538 S. 10th St. Omaha "
Rosa Everts ..... Bonesteel, "
Mrs. O. L. Barnes ..... Yutan, "
A. J. Everts ..... Bonesteel, Nebraska
M. Reed ..... Birch, "
Stella White ..... 2421 Dodge St. Omaha, "
Mrs. Elleanor Finch ..... Butte, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

Your committee submits the following report: We feel grateful to God for the measure of God's blessing upon the work in our conference for the past year. We have had some revivals which have brought a small increase to our Zion, and we are encouraged to toil on. Our hearts are made sad, however, to think that there have been no wide spread revivals

throughout the length and breadth of our borders. When we stop to consider the extent of our territory, in which are many places where our work is not even known and the many perishing souls all about us famishing for the bread and the water of life, and our efforts to reach the few, for the most part, so feeble and futile, it is well for us to stop and inquire as to the reason for this condition.

We call your attention to a few things that bear upon this subject:

1. We need more men who are fully consecrated to God and the ministry—men who have forsaken *all* and given themselves wholly to God and his work. 2. As ministers we need to be more aggressive for God, pushing out into the regions beyond. 3. There are too many who turn aside to secular work and thus—their ministry is greatly hindered. 4. On the part of the laity, in too many instances, there is a withholding of their means or a lack of a hearty support to the work, and as a result some of our worthy and efficient ministers are compelled to labor with their hands for support. These things ought not so to be. The scriptures tell us that, 'No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." 5. Is it not a fact that there is a lack of a spirit of unity among us? Have we that "fervent charity" for each other? Are we "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?" Do we observe the Golden Rule? Should we not humble ourselves before God and go down before him on our faces and ask for a mighty baptism of the Spirit to come upon us, "that he may revive his work, that his people may rejoice in him," and "that his righteousness go forth as brightness and his salvation as a lamp that burneth?"

II.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is an important factor in building up the work of God. Great responsibility should be felt in view of the fact that ninety per cent of those converted in our church come from the ranks of our Sunday schools. Parents are by no means relieved of their duty or responsibility to the Sunday-school by sending their children and absenting themselves from the means of grace found in the bible class. Let them also see that their children pay attention to the lesson and that they are obedient to the teachers and officers.

The training necessary for future church officers, ministers and superintendents must be supplied in important particulars by the Sunday-school.

It has been said by one, "If you want to impress the people of to-day, write on paper; if a future generation, on marble; if the last generation, on pillars of brass; but if for eternity, impress truth on the mind of a child." To do this, great care and interest must be taken by parents. Ask and accept God's direction in selecting teachers and officers at society and Sunday-school-board meetings as truly as you expect God's will to be followed by the stationing committee in sending forth ministers.

A word to superintendents: If possible, adopt some plan by which a thorough study of the lesson may be had during the week. Many teachers and even superintendents sometimes fail to study until the hour has arrived to teach others. Interest yourselves in getting new scholars into the school. Select some good person to lead the singing. Make your Sunday-school interesting lively, spiritual. We recommend the free use of our Sunday-school literature which is the very best.

Practical godliness should be demonstrated and taught in the conversation, manner and dress of the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school as well as by the precept found in the lesson, if Bible awakening and conviction (the first object of the work of the Sunday-school) is to be realized in behalf of the children. If possible, each officer should be a saved, spiritual and interested person. If, however, the place of treasurer, secretary or librarian be necessarily filled by some unsaved young person or child, the Sunday-school board must be very careful under God to see that the outward behavior, the dress, etc., of that person or child be not such as to bring open shame upon the doctrines and practices of Bible salvation. The glaring ungodly attire or manner of some unsaved officers such as we have seen in even Free Methodist Sunday-schools does more to impress pride, lust, carnality and worldly ambition on young minds than can be over-come by much hard effort on the part of the teachers.

Care is urged that programs on Children's Day be such as shall minister *grace* to the hearers and not entertainment merely. Exercises that bring unsaved and ungodly young people prominently before the school and the public can not work to the glory of God.

We think more care should be given by the parents at home in training their children for the Sunday-school. If they get from the lesson only what they get at Sunday-school, they will not receive the good from the school that they should. What we talk about most at home is what frames the character of our children. For Free Methodist parents to allow their children to go *any place*—to the Sunday school in particular—wearing gold or adorned other than according to the will of God is damning in its influence on the child or young person, is hellish in its influence on the souls of other children and is an impeachment of the knowledge or experience of the parents.

We refer you to sermon CI. volume II. of John Wesley's sermons.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

OMAHA, LINCOLN, NORFOLK AND BUTTE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
LINCOLN DISTRICT	W. W. Bruce, District Elder																	
Lincoln	J. A. Finch	18	3	21	1	1	1			7	$ 7 80	$ 2 80	$ 2 40	$ 2 40	$ 1 40		$ 28 26	
Yutan and Bethel	R. F. Johnston	29	2	31	1		2	11	60	20	9 30	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10		5 00	
Wahoo and Ceresco	T. W. Rutledge	16		16	1	1	2	9	30	6	5 70	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90			$ 1 00
Nebraska City	C. C. Cox	22	25	4	1		1	8	35	4	5 40	4 50	2 85	3 75	2 50			
Tecumseh	Loretta Thomas, supply	9	1	10						4	90	60	45	45	30			
Wymore	I. C. Grabill	28		28		1	1	7	30	12	8 70	5 25	4 35	4 35	2 90			
Belvidere	W. W. Bruce	10		10						4	2 40	1 44	1 20	1 20	80			
York	W. W. Bruce	12	4	16			1			2	3 00	2 00	1 65	1 65	1 00			50
Bright Star	F. W. Quass	6		6			1	5	40	4								
OMAHA DISTRICT	W. W. Bruce District Elder																	
Omaha	O. L. Barnes	26	7	33	1	1	1	6	40	7	10 20	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40			
Louisville, LaPlatte, Weeping Water	A. S. McClure	31	1	32			3	18	75	6	7 13	6 12	3 35	3 30	1 90			
Blair, Elk City and Waterloo	E. E. Hatfield	24	3	27			1	4	20	4	4 89	4 86	1 50	3 05	1 50			
Fremont	Wm. McElfresh	9		9			1	5	30	3	2 70	1 52	1 35	1 35	90			1 00
NORFOLK DISTRICT	E. Ballenger, District Elder																	
Norfolk	E. Ballenger	5		5						2								
Birch and Meadow Grove	Milton Hartsock	11	2	13	2	1	1	5	30	4	1 27	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10			
Fairview and Clay Ridge	W. T Burns	13		13	2	1	2	8	38	7	2 70	1 62	1 35	1 35	90		1 08	
Orchard and Inman	E. Ballenger	7		7						1	90	54	45	45	30		36	
Concord, St. Peters and Norris	Minnie A. Beers, supply	9		9			1			2	3 28	1 44	1 20	1 20	80		6 07	
BUTTE DISTRICT	E. Ballenger, District Elder																	
Newport and Kirkwood	E. E. Dillon	15	1	16			1	4	35	4	1 70	1 85	1 95	1 65	83			
Mills, Pine Camp and Lake View	L. E. Daily	13		13		1	1	4	22	4	3 66	2 16		1 80	1 20			
Mt. Zion, Bonesteel and Shilo	L. M. Poff	23	9	32	1	2	2	11	45	6	4 95	3 32	3 75	3 75	1 20			
Butte, Riverside and Baker	L. E. Barnes	41	4	45	1	3	1	5	40	8		5 74	4 86	4 05	4 05			
Lynch and Gross	Henry Allgor	16	1	17		1				5	5 40	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80			
Leonl, Ray, Celia and Sandy	F. J. Atkinson	10		10						2	3 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00			
Total		403	63	466	11	13	24	110	570	130	$ 83 82	$ 68 00	$ 61 11	$ 54 20	$ 34 78		$ 40 77	$ 2 50

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE—Continued

OMAHA, LINCOLN, NORFOLK AND BUTTE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
LINCOLN DISTRICT											
Lincoln		....	$ 10 25	...	$ 326 26	$ 37 18	$ 10 00	1	$ 1000	1	$ 800
Yutan and Bethel	$ 4 32	.....	50 36	$ 70	341 42	65 56	9 00	2	2200	1	1500
Wahoo and Ceresco	....	.....	....	.....	250 00	47 35	.....	1	1000	1	500
Nebraska City	.....	...	.....	...	259 60	44 26	.....	1	1600	..	....
Tecumseh	.....	...	.....	...	*14 35	18 17	.....	..	.....	..	....
Wymore	....	$ 75	13 00	....	312 23	53 16	30 93	1	1000	1	500
Belvidere	.....	....	.....	....	....	19 31	.....		.....	..	.....
York	....	....	5 00	...	.....	33 62	.....	..	....		....
Bright Star	....	...	.....	....	*80 00	28 00	.....		.....	..	.....
OMAHA DISTRICT											
Omaha	3 21	....	30 99	.....	392 03	68 20	49 00	1	1200	..	.....
Louisville, LaPlatte and Weeping Water		....	34 20	...	291 50	64 02	29 00	2	2000	..	.....
Blair, Elk City and Waterloo	1 00	..	9 14	....	228 98	43 70	2 00	2	1500	1	1000
Fremont	53	.....	19 05	....	.....	29 82	.....	1	1000	..	.....
NORFOLK DISTRICT											
Norfolk	.....	....	....	.....	.....	9 35	.....	1	1000		..
Birch and Meadow Grove		..	5 00	..	1 75	27 96	.....	..	.....	1	800
Fairview and Clay Ridge	...	...	14 00	...	* 57 00	42 65	.....		.....	..	.
Orchard and Inman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	....
Concord, St. Peters and Norris	..	....	.....	....	.....	42 11	.....	..	.....	..	.....
BUTTE DISTRICT											
Newport and Kirkwood	...	.....	10 00	.....	155 00	47 09	30 00		.....	..	
Mills, Pine Camp and Lake View	.....	58	.....		131 78	22 41	15 06	1	500	1	200
Mt. Zion, Bonesteel and Shilo		2 09	11 18	....	285 09	65 15	15 70	1	1100	1	200
Butte, Riverside and Baker	.....		8 11	....	380 17	96 08	31 61	1	1000	1	400
Lynch and Gross	.....	....	.....	.....	34 00	28 22	.....	1	300		
Leoni, Ray, Celia and Sandy	.....	...	.....		59 29	22 60	.....		.....	..	....
Total	$ 9 06	$ 3 42	$ 250 38	$ 70	$3338 45	$ 956 27	$ 222 30	17	$ 16400	9	$ 5900

*For five weeks.

WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Session, held at Dunlap, Iowa, August 26-30, 1903

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.* J. H. WILSON, *Secretary and Treasurer.*
D. C. LAMSON, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, E. N. Miller, J. H. Wilson, W. L. Giersdorf.
On Publications—R. H. Smyth, F. I. Waters, T. B. Webb.
On Reforms—E. N. Miller, Samuel Holms, F. S. Turner.
On Education—D. C. Lamson, R. W. Meeker, J. H. Phelps.
On Sunday-schools—G. W. Taylor, I. J. Parks, J. H. Baichtal.
On State of the Work—J. H. Wilson, E. N. Miller.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Collecting Money to Publish the Minutes—F. I. Waters.
On Home Missions—The stationing committee.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—The stationing committee.
On Foreign Missions—D. C. Lamson, George Patrick, A. K. Main.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Wilson, for three years; E. N. Miller, for two years; D. C. Lamson, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

M. D. Myers, E. N. Miller, M. L. Bentley, F. I. Waters, G. F. Bussard.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

E. N. Miller, for five years; J. T. Williams, for four years; J. H. Wilson, for three years; T. Woodmansee, for two years; R. H. Smyth, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—G. W. Taylor. On Reforms—T. B. Webb.
On Sunday-schools—O. L. Mossman. On Education—R. W. Meeker.
On State of the Work—The district elders.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. W. Dake, T. J. Gates, F. D. Christie, F. E. Eaton, D. C. Eddy, G. W. Taylor, R. W. Meeker, Thomas Lawson.
J. S. Phillips, J. H. Wilson, E. N. Miller, A. Dowd, O. L. Mossman, W. F. Butman, W. W. Crippen,
R. M. Rhamy, P. H. Arlington, George Patrick, J. J. Woof, D. C. Lamson, R. H. Smyth, O. Peitsmeyer,
W. M. Adams, M. D. Myers, F. I. Waters, J. F. Mudd, A. K. Main, W. L. Giersdorf, T. B. Webb,

DELEGATES

F. S. Turner, W. H. Comer, J. H. Baichtal, M. L. Bentley, Andrew Jackson,
Samuel Holms, Nancy J. Rogers, Robert Busby, J. W. Blaine, Alice Gardner.
Elizabeth Overton, Maggie Manz, G. F. Bussard, P. Sease.
A. Wilder, J. H. Phelps, I. J. Parks, Joseph Knox,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, E. N. Miller, J. H. Wilson, G. F. Bussard, J. H. Phelps.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? W. D. Groesbeck, Benton Ingram.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? W. W. Crippen, O. Peitsmeyer, T. B. Webb, Thomas Lawson, R. W. Meeker.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. L. Giersdorf.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? George Patrick, D. C. Eddy, M. D. Myers.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. W. Dake, J. S. Phillips, R. M. Rhamy.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? W. M. Adams, from the Kansas conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of all the preachers was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16, 17, 18. 19, 20. See statistics.

21. See report on conference claimants and claims.

23. See treasurer's report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place was left to be fixed by the district elders; the time as soon after August 15, 1904, as is convenient with the plan of the general superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS

The nineteenth session of the conference was held at Dunlap, Iowa, August 26–30, 1903. The people of the Congregational church opened their house of worship for the sittings of the conference and religious services. General Superintendent W. T. Hogue presided with marked ability, and gave general satisfaction. His preaching was with power, and his addresses were inspiring and instructive. The sittings of the conference were harmonious, and the appointments were well received.

The general superintendent preached three times besides filling the pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday evening. The others who preached the word were: F. I. Waters, M. D. Myers, E. N. Miller, O. L. Barnes of the Nebraska conference, R. W. Meeker and J. H. Wilson. George Patrick filled the pulpit for the Methodist Episcopal people Sunday morning.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held missionary meetings at different times, but their meeting Sabbath afternoon addressed by Miss Emma Appling, returned missionary from India, was especially profitable and instructive.

Collections aggregating about $140 were taken, in cash and subscriptions, in these missionary meetings. A collection of $14.50 was taken Sabbath morning to finish meeting the conference claims. A collection was also taken for the secretaries and treasurer of $7.75.

Professor Cooper, principal of Wessington Springs Seminary, represented the interests of that institution and took subscriptions for $150 on the new building needed there.

The order of collections for next year is as follows: Conference Missions and General Missions, each fifteen cents to be taken the first quarter; Conference Claimants', second quarter; General Superintendents', third quarter; Church Extension, ten cents, fourth quarter.

APPOINTMENTS

SHENANDOAH DISTRICT—J. H. Wilson, District Elder, 305 East Chestnut street, Clarinda, Iowa.

Shenandoah, Bingham and Center Chapel.....A. K. Main, Shenandoah, Iowa
College Springs.....R. H. Smyth, College Springs, "
Clarinda.....To be supplied
Hamburg and Knox.....G. W. Taylor, Clarinda, Iowa
Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill.....J. F. Mudd, Braddyville, Iowa, R. F. D.

J. W. Dake, Shambaugh, Iowa, and J. S. Phillips, Weyerhauser, Wisconsin, superannuated; T. J. Gates, left without appointment.

CRESTON DISTRICT—J. H. Wilson, District Elder.

Carbon, Mt. Etna and Sciola.....A. Dowd, Carbon, Iowa
Gravity, Glasgow schoolhouse and Caledonia.....F. E. Eaton, Gravity, "
Lorimor and Garden Grove.....T. B. Webb, Lorimor, "

R. M. Rhamy, superannuated, Garden Grove, Iowa; P. H. Arlington, evangelist, Gravity, Iowa; W. F. Butman, left without appointment, Garden Grove, Iowa.

DUNLAP DISTRICT—J. H. Wilson, District Elder.

Dunlap and Bethel.....R. W. Meeker, Dunlap, Iowa
Council Bluffs.....Benton Ingram, Council Bluffs, "
Sandy Point and Pisgah.....To be supplied

F. D. Christie, left without appointment.

BOONE DISTRICT—F. I. Waters, District Elder, Boone, Iowa.

Boone and Ogden.....N. Katie Waters, supply, Boone, Iowa
Polk City and Bethany.....E. N. Miller, Polk, "
Bear Grove and Coon Rapids.... D. C. Lamson, Nora Lamson, supply, Coon Rapids, "
Churdan and Paton.....Fannie Pemble, supply, Paton, "
Scranton and Hobbs' schoolhouse.....W. D. Groesbeck, Scranton, "

J. J. Woof, evangelist, Boone, Iowa; George Patrick, Coon Rapids, Iowa, and D. C. Eddy, Norfolk, Nebraska, supernumerary.

SIOUX CITY DISTRICT—F. I. Waters, District Elder.

Danbury, Ida Grove and Onawa.....W. L. Giersdorf, Danbury, Iowa
Correctionville and Kingsley.....W. M. Adams, Correctionville, "
Merrill and LeMars.....O. L. Mossman, Merrill, "

M. D. Myers, supernumerary, Correctionville, Iowa.

SAC CITY DISTRICT—F. I. Waters, District Elder.

Sac City, Early and Jolly.....W. W. Crippen, Early, Iowa
Plover and Ware.....Thomas Lawson, Plover, "

EVANGELISTS

Anna Taylor.....Clarinda, Iowa
Elizabeth V. Willey.....Sidney, "
Jennie Dewees.....Diagonal, "
Esther Main.....Shenandoah, "
Anna V. Northrup.....Shenandoah, Iowa
Minerva Wray.....Shambaugh, "
Carrie Miller.....Polk, "
Lettie Giersdorf.....Danbury, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Missions—Received, $91.20.
Conference Claimants—Received, $182.40.
General Superintendents—Received, $109.44.
Church Extension—Received, $60.80.
Conference Missions—Received, $73.01.
Foreign Missions—Received, $3.35.
Children's Fund—$10.15.
Educational Fund—$4.91.

II.—ON CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS.

The claims for next year are as follows: J. W. Dake, $150; J. S. Phillips, $100; R. M. Rhamy, $100; Carrie Nixon (orphan) $20.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

One of the greatest powers for the upbuilding or degradation of character is the press. Men are made better or worse by what they read. One has said: "All I ever read has become a part of me."

Both good and bad men are in control of the press. Hence the necessity of careful selection in what is allowed in our homes.

We, as a church, should stand by our publishing house, and scatter our holiness literature everywhere. The Free Methodist is the best holiness paper published, and should be in all our homes. We feel like recommending the *Pilgrim's Banner* as a good, spiritual paper. The center tables in all our homes should be supplied with these wholesome books and papers.

IV.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We believe our church is equipped with the very best Sabbath-school literature. It is interesting as well as sound in doctrine. The papers, we think, can not be excelled, and are worthy of having the Sunday-school superintendents calling the special notice of the children to them. We would also urge parents to read the stories and articles in these papers to their children, for the elevating influence it will exert in molding their characters. We also recommend a more general use of charts, blackboards and object lessons, through which we believe the minds of the children are most easily reached. We also advise the use of the Free Methodist catechism in our schools. We heartily endorse the Home Department work, and hope our schools wherever practicable will take it up.

Yet it takes more than these equipments to make a good, interesting Sabbath-school. Beside these, we must have the interest and hearty co-operation of pastor and parents with the children, in order to success.

Finally, we would earnestly desire to impress teachers and officers of our schools with the necessity of maintaining a tone of deep spirituality.

V.—ON REFORMS.

We are glad to notice the fact that we, as a church, take an uncompromising stand against the current evils of society, such as the liquor traffic, secret societies, Romanism, Sabbath desecration, and labor unions which are secret and practice mob violence. We should hold up the Bible standard on dress. When the secular press expresses itself in the matter of woman's attire, we think it high time for the church and the religious press to cry aloud and spare not, along these lines.

The truth should be spoken plainly concerning evil speaking, back-biting, and being busy-bodies in other men's matters. We fear that our preachers many times neglect to read Wesley's sermon on evil speaking, as required by the Discipline. See ¶139. In many places, we need to see more of our members at the Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting.

We fear there is not that degree of liberality among us in the support of the gospel that

there should be. We are convinced that if all would give according to the Bible rule, there would be an abundance to supply all the needs of the work of God.

The preachers of the Free Methodist church have arduous duties to perform in caring for their charges and winning souls to Christ. The conditions demand that they devote their time and energy to the work. Many have families which must be clothed, fed and educated. The scriptures say, "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Hence, we urge official boards to use greater energy in order to procure better pecuniary support for the ministry, so that they can live as becomes their station, and be enabled to devote their time and energies in building up Christ's kingdom.

We also enjoin upon the membership of the church, the exercise of strict economy in all the affairs of domestic life, so that our church may set a worthy example of Christian simplicity, and manifest complete victory over fleshly desires and unholy tendencies. The increasing use of narcotics by the rising generation, calls for the condemnation of all Christian people. We should cry out against the methods used by ungodly and covetous men, to encourage the use of cigarettes, cocaine, and other poisonous substances, which are detrimental to the physical, mental, moral and spiritual development of the youth of this country. We urge upon the ministry and laity of our church to be bold in denouncing all such vices. Finally, be it resolved that we will stand by the political party that gives us a *positive promise* of prohibition and general reform. We believe God will be with us along these lines.

VI.—ON EDUCATION.

The religion of the Bible stands between two great enemies to-day; on the one hand ignorance which paves the way for Romanism with its dangerous pretenses and practices; on the other is education without the Holy Ghost, in whose train follow a multitude of free thinkers, skeptics and infidels.

If we turn to ignorance for safety, we may as well join the ranks of those who look to Rome for help, and to the cloister for holiness. And if we leave our holy doctrines and Discipline in the hands of educated men who have not the Spirit of the Lord, we will soon be teaching for doctrines the commandments of men, and our Discipline will have to be revised, or else become a dead letter.

The question arises, What shall we do? From Greenville, Wessington Springs, Orleans, and our other noble schools, comes the reply: "Send us your boys and girls, and stand by us not only with your resolutions but with your prayers and your money, and we will continue to turn out trained men and women who will be a blessing to the church at home and abroad."

Brethren, shall we be found faithful stewards for the noble schools which God has intrusted to our care? If so, we will need to wake up and bestir ourselves, for these institutions are needing help.

As a people, we ought to be as deeply interested in the education of our young people, as we are in their matrimonial and financial welfare. Some of us will have to give up the idea that forty acres of West Iowa land are of more value to a child than a Christian education. Others should stop laying up treasures on earth and send more to heaven by the way of our needy schools. We believe that when our ministers and lay members see the important place that our Christian schools occupy in perpetuating the Free Methodist church, and in spreading scriptural holiness over these lands, that then we will put forth an effort on educational lines that will meet the demands and opportunities of the present hour.

We should do all we can to discourage Free Methodists from sending their children to schools where the standard of spirituality is low. We would also recommend that representatives of our schools be invited to attend our district and circuit gatherings, in order that we may become better informed with regard to the work that is being done.

We, as a church, should feel an especial interest in Greenville College, inasmuch as it is the only collegiate institution within our borders, and has received the unqualified

endorsement of the last general conference. We advise those who are seeking a collegiate education to go there.

Inasmuch as we are a patronizing conference of Wessington Springs Seminary, we recognize that this institution is first entitled to our support. Our trustee who visited the school last spring reports very favorably in regard to the intellectual and spiritual advantages to be found there. We recommend that Prof. S. G. Cooper be allowed time at the conclusion of this report to represent this school.

VII.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

We praise God for the degree of prosperity both in temporal and spiritual matters which we have enjoyed during the past year. Some gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit have visited us. Souls have been saved and sanctified wholly; and in parts of our work deeper experiences obtain. Our camp-meetings have been above the ordinary in spiritual power. God has been with us of a truth, in these general gatherings.

But the fact that our final footings show a small decrease in membership is a matter for humiliation, and should cause us to go down before God until the downward trend in membership shall be changed, and our numbers shall begin to increase, as well as our spirituality and aggressiveness deepen.

There are, evidently, causes underlying this state of the work, and we think it proper to call attention to the following:

1. A deeper sense of the importance of the work is needed. Such convictions as wrung from John Knox the cry, "Give me Scotland or I die," and caused Moses to say to God, "Forgive their sin: and if not blot me, I pray thee out of thy book," prevailing both among the ministry and laity would cause to cease, on the one hand, the ministry from leaving so important a calling for secular employment; and, on the other, the withholding adequate support to keep preachers in the field.

2. The need of greater aggressiveness is felt. We must push out. Fields all about invite us. One-third to one-half of our territory has never been occupied. Every pastor should be an evangelist in the territory adjoining his charge. Then the laity should support the pastor in this work, both by their presence in the meetings, wherever possible, and by their means. A band of workers should be organized to aid in such efforts. New societies could thus be raised up, while the local help could, in the meantime, carry on the regular work on the old fields. Should such intensity of purpose and definiteness of action prevail, then we could trust God to help us gain greater victories for holiness than ever before.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

SHENANDOAH, CRESTON, DUNLAP, BOONE, SIOUX CITY AND SAC CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SHENANDOAH DISTRICT	J. H. Wilson, District Elder																	
Shenandoah and Bingham	A. K. Main	47	8	55	2	3	2	14	75	11	$ 11 70	$ 7 02	$ 5 85	$ 5 85	$ 3 90	....	.....	$180 50
Griswold, Imogene, Center Chapel	J. H. Wilson	5	..	5	..	..	..	....	....	..	3 50	.....	.....	2 00	.....	....	.....	.....
College Springs	George Patrick	31	..	31	1	..	1	9	31	12	9 30	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	22 45
Clarinda	Anna Taylor, supply	25	1	26	1	1	1	8	30	8	7 20	4 30	3 60	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	12 00
Hamburg and Bright Side schoolhouse	E. Sams, supply	16	..	16	1	1	1	4	18	5	5 70	3 42	.....	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	.....
Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill	J. F. Mudd	39	3	42	1	..	2	16	90	13	10 80	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	.....	$ 1 55	.....
CRESTON DISTRICT	J. H. Wilson, District Elder																	
Carbon and Mt. Etna	R. H. Smyth	27	2	29	1	1	1	8	32	6	9 30	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	....	.....	8 30
Gravity and Glasgow schoolhouse	P. H. Arlington	22	4	26	..	..	1	4	15	8	7 50	4 50	2 50	3 75	1 18	.....	.....	.....
Caledonia and Garden Grove	W. F. Butman	24	7	31	1	..	1	6	25	4	7 95	3 00	2 50	4 05	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Lorimor	T. B. Webb	24	2	26	..	..	1	5	30	4	5 40	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....
DUNLAP DISTRICT	J. H. Wilson, District Elder																	
Council Bluffs	Thomas Lawson	21	5	26	..	..	1	5	20	2	5 70	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	.....
Pisgah and Sandy Point	W. D. Groesbeck	8	..	8	..	..	1	5	25	4	4 20	2 52	1 40	2 10	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Dunlap and Mullen schoolhouse	W. L. Giersdorf	42	13	55	1	1	2	16	80	15	9 30	5 58	4 45	4 45	3 10	.....	.....	36 90
BOONE DISTRICT	E. N. Miller, District Elder																	
Boone and Ogden	F. I. Waters, N. K. Waters, sup.	28	6	34	..	..	2	11	30	7	9 09	5 94	4 95	4 95	3 30	.....	.....	.....
Polk City	D. C. Eddy	28	2	30	..	..	2	8	60	8	7 66	5 04	.....	4 20	.....	.....	1 80	.....
Bear Grove and Coon Rapids	D. C. Lamson, N. Lamson, sup.	32	..	32	..	1	2	11	36	14	11 70	7 02	5 85	5 85	3 90	.....	.....	11 20
Churdan, Scranton, Hobbs schoolhouse	J. J. Woof	12	8	20	..	..	..	....	....	7	5 48	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....
SIOUX CITY DISTRICT	E. N. Miller, District Elder																	
Danbury, Ida Grove and Onawa	R. W. Meeker	30	1	31	..	..	1	8	35	7	12 00	7 20	1 00	6 00	94	....	.....	.....
Correctionville and Kingsley	F. E. Eaton	34	7	41	..	..	2	13	40	7	9 60	4 80	4 80	4 80	2 66	....	.....	16 01
Merrill and Le Mars	W. W. Crippen	14	1	15	1	..	1	7	20	8	4 50	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	....	.....	.....
SAC CITY DISTRICT	E. N. Miller, District Elder																	
Sac City and Early	O. L. Mossman	39	4	43	1	1	3	12	50	9	12 00	7 20	9 69	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	25 13
Plover and Leebe schoolhouse	Winnie Myler, supply	32	..	32	..	..	1	4	22	8	9 90	5 94	4 95	4 95	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Total		580	74	654	11	9	29	174	764	167	$ 179 48	$ 103 70	$ 76 74	$ 90 60	$ 48 68	....	$ 3 35	$314 49

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SHENANDOAH DISTRICT											
Shenandoah and Bingham	....	.....	$ 41 59	.....	$ 411 00	$ 62 40	$ 96 20	2	$ 3700	1	$ 1800
Griswold, Imogene, Center Chapel	....	....	.....	.....	.....	6 40	.....	1	300	..	.....
College Springs	$ 1 55	....	14 50	.....	338 37	49 74	.....	1	1000	1	700
Clarinda	....	$ 1 02	22 05	.....	105 89	38 91	39 21	1	1500	1	1500
Hamburg, Bright Side schoolhouse	....	.....	14 00	.....	188 72	27 80	20 00	1	1000	1	600
Shambaugh and Pleasant Hill	.....	....	27 20	.....	410 00	49 75	32 00	2	1800	1	500
CRESTON DISTRICT											
Carbon and Mt. Etna	.....	3 00	14 42	.....	307 76	54 60	40 85	1	1000	1	700
Gravity and Glasgow schoolhouse	.....	.....	4 75	.....	320 00	41 60	58 00	1	1000	1	500
Caledonia and Garden Grove	....	..	5 40	.....	200 30	38 52	12 00	1	700	..	.....
Lorimor	.....	3 05	12 00	.....	295 00	43 71	23 47	..	.....	1	500
DUNLAP DISTRICT											
Council Bluffs	....	.....	12 20	.....	*334 50	34 20	45 75	1	2200	1	1000
Pisgah and Sandy Point	.....	.....	4 98	.....	117 75	25 21	11 75	1	200	..	.....
Dunlap and Mullen schoolhouse	.....	.....	28 00	.....	539 60	55 17	16 00	2	2500	1	700
BOONE DISTRICT											
Boone and Ogden	.....	.....	19 00	.....	420 00	56 63	20 90	3	2600	1	800
Polk City	....	..	20 00	.....	255 61	52 09	19 75	2	2000	1	800
Bear Grove and Coon Rapids	3 36	1 94	20 31	$ 1 25	406 08	66 30	22 45	4	3200	2	1400
Churdan, Scranton, Hobbs S. H.	.....	.....	.....	.....	250 00	32 05	.....	3	2400	2	900
SIOUX CITY DISTRICT											
Danbury, Ida Grove and Onawa	.....	.	15 50	.....	326 00	68 00	27 27	2	3000	2	1000
Correctionville and Kingsley	....	2 21	14 85	.....	397 00	54 60	.....	2	2000	1	700
Merrill and Le Mars	.....	1 40	8 00	.....	334 00	26 00	.....	1	800	1	800
SAC CITY DISTRICT											
Sac City and Early	....	.....	23 31	.....	420 13	73 33	.....	3	1800	2	1000
Plover and Leebe schoolhouse	.....	.....	11 05	.....	94 81	53 90	2 10	1	1000	..	.....
Total	$ 4 91	$12 62	$ 333 11	$ 1 25	$6472 52	1010 91	$ 487 70	36	$ 35700	22	$ 15700

Received $60 from General Missionary Board.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-ninth Annual Session, held at Battle Creek, Michigan, August 26-29, 1903

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

A. BRADFIELD, *Secretary.* F. L. BAKER, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. C. MUFFITT, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, L. H. Mulholland, W. C. Muffitt, A. W. Dawson, C. W. Butterfield.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. Boyer.

On Education—J. Craig, D. S. Warner, DeWitt Guy.

On Publications—L. H. Mulholland, G.H. Peters, A. W. Dawson.

On Sabbath-schools—F. L. Baker, C. D. Paige, E. J. Manning.

On Secret Societies—E. J. Manning, J. Baker, G. Greenfield.

On Temperance—P. E. Vincent, W. H. Mulholland, C. W. Butterfield.

On Quarterly Conference Records—D. S. Warner, J. Craig.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

To Receive Conference Mission Funds—L. H. Mulholland.

To Receive General and Foreign Mission Funds—G. H. Peters.

To Receive General Superintendents' Funds—J. Baker.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Funds—R. L. Scamehorn.

To Receive Church Extension Funds—C. D. Paige.

To Receive Educational and Children's Funds—C. H. Jerome.

On Memoirs—P. E. Vincent, L. H. Mulholland.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

P. E. Vincent, time expires 1906. W. C. Muffitt, time expires 1905.

G. Laubach, time expires 1904.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. Bradfield, chairman; P. E. Vincent, secretary; L. H. Mulholland, treasurer; A. W. Dawson, C. W. Butterfield.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—L. H. Mulholland. On Publications—D. S. Warner.

On Sabbath-schools—P. E. Vincent. On Temperance—J. Craig.

On Secret Societies—W. C. Muffitt.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. James Craig, 919 Austin street, Kalamazoo, Michigan; vice president, Mrs. E. C. Olmstead, Spring Arbor, Michigan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Julia Muffitt, Spring Arbor, Michigan; recording secretary, Miss Mabel Jones, Spring Arbor, Michigan; treasurer, Kate C. Martin, Ida, Michigan.

OFFICERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

W. B. Olmstead, president; A. Bradfield, secretary; L. H. Mulholland, treasurer; W. B. Olmstead, A. Bradfield, members of executive committee.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference and General Missions; second quarter, Conference Claimants'; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Church Extension and Aid Society.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

H. Sawyer,	A. Bradfield,	P. E. Vincent,	G. W. C. Smith,
B. R. Jones,	F. P. Russell,	L. H. Mulholland,	J. Baker,
R. L. Scamehorn,	C. W. Miller,	C. D. Paige,	G. H. Peters,
F. L. Baker,	I. L. King,	J. N. Boyer,	W. S. Mulholland,
W. B. Olmstead,	C. H. Jerome,	G. Laubach,	J. Craig,
W. C. Muffitt,	D. J. Van Antwerp,	D. S. Warner,	A. T. Shumway,
L. N. Cottrell,	J. R. Poet.		

DELEGATES

Lettie Drake,	M. U. Gage,	E. J. Manning,	C. Kissel,
William McKay,	Emma Smith,	J. Fortress,	C. Gear,
C. W. Butterfield,	E. A. Field,	DeWitt Guy,	Helen H. Jones,
J. Teachout,	May Ruddick,	E. K. Rhoat,	J. M. Abbott,
G. Greenfield,	A. W. Dawson,	A. L. Dewey,	William Hall,
C. L. Osgood,	R. Woodward,	H. Ten Eyck,	W. Cleveland,
Charlotte C. Haskins,	C. East.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, L. H. Mulholland, W. C. Muffitt, A. W. Dawson, C. W. Butterfield.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? James Fortress.

4. Who remain on trial? B. Boone, S. B. Smith.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? D. J. Van Antwerp, A. T. Shumway, J. R. Poet.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? S. A. McGee.

9. None.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? H. Sawyer, A. Bradfield.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? H. Sawyer, $110; Sarah J. Tiffany, $25; A. Bradfield, $50.

22. None.

23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Hillsdale, Michigan, and on the third Wednesday of August, 1904, if agreeable to the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-ninth session of the conference convened in a tent near Monument Square in Battle Creek, Michigan, August 26, 1903. Five sittings were held.

The last four sittings and the religious services were held in the First M. E. church. It was a time of abundant rain, and the pastor and trustees of the M. E. church kindly offered us the use of their house of worship without cost, which we occupied and greatly appreciated.

The conference was favored with the presence of Superintendent B. R. Jones, who preached twice.

Reverends D. D. Martin of the M. E. church, R. H. Clark of the North Indiana conference, and L. G. Lewis of the Ohio conference were introduced and invited to take honorary seats. Superintendent Sellew preached both morning and evening, and James Craig in the afternoon at the M. E. church. The other pulpits were generally filled on Sunday by our ministers.

On Sabbath morning $560 was received in subscriptions and cash to assist the Free Methodist society in Battle Creek towards securing church property. A collection of four dollars for the secretaries, one of $13.71 for foreign missions and $20 for Rev. D. J. Van Antwerp, the resident pastor, were also taken.

APPOINTMENTS

SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT—W. C. Muffitt, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

Spring Arbor and Parma ..... G. H. Peters, Spring Arbor, Michigan
Jackson ..... C. W. Lyman, supply, 307 East Wilkins street, Jackson, "
Hudson and Woodstock ..... J. R. Poet, Hudson, "
Eckford ..... To be supplied

B. R. Jones, general superintendent, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan; W. B. Olmstead, Sunday-school secretary, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; D. S. Warner, principal of Spring Arbor Seminary, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

DETROIT DISTRICT—W. C. Muffitt, District Elder.

Detroit and Delray .... J. Baker and J. G. Fortress, 681 Twombly avenue, Detroit, Michigan
New Boston, Texas and Sandhill .... J. Linn, supply, New Boston, Michigan, R. F. D., No. 1
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter ..... B. Boone, Waltz, Michigan
Milan and Oakville ..... R. L. Scamehorn, Milan, "
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford ..... S. B. Smith, Temperance, "
Blissfield, Town Line, Prairie and Petersburg ..... F. L. Baker, Deerfield, "
Ridgeway, Holloway and Wellville ..... A. T. Shumway, Britton, "
Adrian and Madison ..... G. Laubach, 120 Frank street, Adrian, "
Jasper and Denning's Lake ..... W. Rennie, supply, Jasper, "

H. Sawyer. superannuated, Azalia, Michigan.

COLDWATER DISTRICT—L. H. Mulholland, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

South Quincy, Coldwater, Bethel and Algansee ..... L. N. Cottrell, Coldwater, R. F. D., No. 5, Michigan
Hillsdale ..... C. D. Paige, Hillsdale, "
Frontier and Ransom ..... P. E. Vincent, Frontier, "
Sherwood, Colon, Athens and Union City ..... C. W. Miller, Sherwood, "
Battle Creek ..... D. J. Van Antwerp, Battle Creek. "

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—L. H. Mulholland, District Elder.

Kalamazoo ..... J. Craig, 919 Austin street, Kalamazoo, Michigan
South Haven and Covert ..... C. H. Jerome, South Haven, "
Lawrence, Hartford and Keeler ..... J. N. Boyer, Lawrence, "
Decatur ..... G. W. C. Smith, Decatur, "
Watervliet, Fish schoolhouse and Hagar ..... W. S. Mulholland, Coloma, "
Bainbridge, Pipestone, Royalton and Benton Harbor ..... To be supplied

F. P. Russell, left without appointment, South Haven, Michigan; I. L. King, left without appointment, Decatur, Michigan; A. Bradfield, superannuated, Decatur, Michigan; S. A. McGee, granted a certificate of location.

EVANGELISTS

Mary Osmun, annual conference evangelist..... Pontiac, Michigan
Josephine Holden, annual conference evangelist .....Quincy, "
Mrs. Clara Smith, quarterly conference evangelist.....South Haven, "
Mrs. Grace Teachout, quarterly conference evangelist .....Bethel, "
Mrs. Ada Van Antwerp, quarterly conference evangelist..... Battle Creek, "

LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

Goldsmith Dean .....
Benjamin Mark.....Decatur, Michigan
J. Linn... R. F. D. 1, New Boston, "
G. H. Thompson.....Blissfield, "
Lewis E. Chase.....Jackson, Michigan
L. L. Warner.....Tipton, "
W. McKay.....Spring Arbor, "
A. L. Dewey .....Addison, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

Conference Missions.—Amount raised, $128.05.

Disbursed by treasurer before conference session, $30.20; appropriated to Jackson circuit, $15; J. R. Poet, $25; B. Boone, $10; Jasper and Denning's Lake circuit, $15; Bainbridge, Pipestone, Royalton and Benton Harbor circuit, $20; C. D. Paige, $5; G. H. Peters, $7.85. Total, $128.05.

It is recommended that an amount equal to 15 cents per member be raised and sent to W. C. Muffitt, Spring Arbor, Michigan, and that $5 per quarter be paid to each of the pastors at Hudson and Hillsdale during the ensuing year out of this fund.

General Missions—Apportioned and paid, $137.55.
Church Extension—Apportioned and paid, $91.70.
Conference Claimants' Fund—Apportioned and paid, $275.10.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $165.06.
Foreign Missions.—Amount paid, $186.39.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—$237.
To Publish the Minutes—$22.05.
Educational Fund.—$5.45.
Children's Fund.—$14.63.

II.—ON TEMPERANCE.

On the temperance question we are prohibitionists. We have nothing but maledictions for the accursed liquor traffic. Dark and murderous the juggernaut of intemperance rears its hideous form and parades in brazen effrontery through our country, blighting, withering and cursing everything within its grasp, and sending 250,000 souls to a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell every year.

This system that ruins the soul as well as the body cannot be licensed without sinning against God and light. It is shown by its fruits to be a poverty begetting, tax creating, God defying, soul and body destroying institution; and it threatens the destruction of every God-given interest to the race of man.

We would not depreciate the wide spread and rapid strides of science and art in the past and present, yet amid all this triumph and the great advancement along every other line as a nation, we are often shocked at the corrupt state of society caused largely by the liquor traffic.

We believe it to be in the interests of our fellow men to reaffirm our position as a conference and say let it be known that we, the members of the Michigan conference Free Methodist church will not by vote uphold any party that in any way gives sanction to the murderous system called the liquor traffic; and that we will not only by vote co-operate with a party whose principles are pure and right, but will with voice and pen lend our aid

to advance the interests of the party whose efforts are to remove the foul stain from our fair land and place forever beyond the reach of those who are already weakened by its influence the temptation to greater sin. This we believe can only be realized in the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We rejoice in the prosperity of our publishing house as shown in the reports of the publishing agent and his assistant at the recent general conference. We are just awaking to the great importance of this department of our work. We fear, however, there are still some among us who need to be exhorted against patronizing other publications in preference to ours. Every Free Methodist family should take the FREE METHODIST, and also possess themselves of a Free Methodist Discipline. The Sunday-schools of our conference with few exceptions take the supplies issued by our publishing house. All should do so. We recommend *The New Voice* of Chicago for Christian politics, the *Missionary Tidings* for stirring up missionary zeal, and the Spring Arbor *Chronicle* for keeping us in touch with our seminary and aiding the cause of Christian education.

IV.—ON MEMOIRS.

Death has not entered the ranks of the Michigan conference during the past year and robbed us of any of our ministers, but our dear Brother Laubach has been called to mourn the loss of his companion and wife who for several years has stood nobly by her husband and shared in the conflicts and triumphs incident to an itinerant ministry in the Free Methodist church.

Sister Laubach departed this life at their home in the parsonage in Milan, Michigan, August 19, 1903, aged 39 years, 5 months and 3 days. We as a conference hereby express our sympathy with our Brother Laubach in his great bereavement and loss. At the time of her death Sister Laubach was president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Milan, Michigan.

We recommend our secretary to write Brother Laubach a letter of sympathy from this conference, and that we now suspend business and engage in a season of prayer in his behalf.

V.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath-school is an institution ordained of God, for which we should praise him, and in which we as ministers and laymen should take a more active interest. We believe the Sabbath-school to be a great factor in the work of God, and of vital importance in carrying on his work. We see in many places a lack of interest manifest on the part of the older members of our church, which we believe to be a hindrance in getting the children interested. Our schools need the most spiritual among us to teach the classes instead of their sitting back and mourning over the formality of the Sabbath-school. It is very easy to say how things ought to go but another thing to take hold and do our best to have it go as we believe it should. In the past year we have heard from the lips of one of our oldest members that he had learned more of the word of God in the past few months by attending the Sabbath-school than ever before in his life. It is in vain that we look for children to be interested in that to which we give but little attention. God has promised us our children, and let us do our part in the Sabbath-school and in our homes to interest them in the way of life. We do not believe that one brought up in the Sabbath-school may rest in this as conversion, but by the help of the Holy Spirit we shall be able to teach the children the necessity of the new birth, and so instill in their minds the difference between profession and possession, that later on they cannot be daubed over with untempered mortar. Our children are given us from God and are a blessing, and let us take lessons from the Roman church in instructing them in the way of life. We have and will be able to reach many homes through the children.

In the past whole families have been brought to God through the influence of the children converted among us. May God increase our love for Sunday-school work. We say our publications should be used in preference to all others because they are the best we have seen, and are in accordance with the teachings of our church.

Our Home Department is awakening new interest in our schools. Many who take up the study of the lessons at home soon become so interested that they find time to attend our schools; therefore

Resolved, That we as a conference do our best in pushing the work of the home department and all interests connected with our Sabbath-school as we never have in the past.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

SPRING ARBOR, DETROIT, COLDWATER AND KALAMAZOO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT	L. H. Mulholland, Dist. Elder																	
Spring Arbor	D. S. Warner	76	5	81	2	..	1	9	75	20	$ 23 10	$ 13 86	$ 11 55	$ 11 55	$ 7 70	.....	$ 36 48	$ 38 81
Jackson	Sup. by L. E. Chase and others	24	..	24	2	.	1	6	35	....	7 50	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	4 94	.....
Parma	.....	10	2	12	..	..	..	....	....	....	3 00	1 59	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hudson and Woodstock	B. Boone	17	2	19	1	..	..	....	....	□ 5	7 20	3 61	3 60	3 60	.....	.....	1 00	.....
DETROIT DISTRICT	L. H. Mulholland, Dist. Elder																	
Detroit	Supplied by F. L. Baker	68	7	75	1	..	1	9	60	18	17 10	10 26	8 55	8 55	5 70	.....	64 63	50 00
West Detroit	F. L. Baker	8	4	12	..		1	3	20	3	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Boston, Texas and Sand Hill	G. H. Peters	22	..	22	..	..	..	....	....	7	7 20	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	.	3 10	.....
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter	James Linn, supply	40	6	46	..	..	1	6	31	5	8 40	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	....	.....	.....
Milan and Oakville	George Laubach	83	7	90		.	3	12	90	14	25 20	15 12	12 60	12 60	8 40	.....	2 00	.....
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford	S. B. Smith	34	1	35	1	1	1	18	106	11	10 20	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	.....	14 50	9 00
Blissfield, Town Line and Petersburg	J. R. Poet	27	..	27		..	..	....	....	5	10 50	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 50	.....	6 00	6 00
Ridgeway, Holloway and Wellsville	A. T. Shumway	35	...	35		..	1	8	30	12	11 00	6 80	6 00	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Adrian and Madison	Jeremiah Baker	64	2	66	2	..	1	7	40	....	14 70	8 82	7 35	7 35	4 90	.....	16 75	.....
Jasper and Deming's Lake	George Dean, supply	20	1	21	..		1	4	25	5	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
COLDWATER DISTRICT	W. C. Muffitt, District Elder																	
Coldwater and Hillsdale	C. D. Paige	36	4	40	..		2	16	51	6	9 90	5 94	4 95	4 95	2 36	.....	2 60	.....
South Quincy, Bethel and Algansee	L. N. Cottrell	57	8	65	..	2	3	25	95	14	16 50	9 90	7 15	8 25	5 50	.....	14 00	.....
Frontier and Ransom	P. E. Vincent	44	2	46	2	..	1	6	20	10	13 80	8 28	6 90	6 90	4 60	...	.....	.....
Sherwood and Colon	R. L. Scamehorn	27	1	28			1	8	35	5	8 40	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	.....
Athens, Union City and Battle Creek	D. J. VanAntwerp, Ada VanAntwerp, supply	36	4	40	..	1		..	..	6	11 40	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	.....	.....	2 00
Eckford	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT	W. C. Muffitt, District Elder																	
Kalamazoo	James Craig	40	4	44	1		1	10	95	7	12 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	.....	33 77	25 63
South Haven	C. W. Miller	37	7	44	..	1	1	6	40	3	10 00	5 94	3 30	4 95	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Lawrence and Hartford	J. N. Boyer	29	1	30	1		1	7	35	7	8 40	4 84	4 20	4 20	2 80	.....	11 28	1 00
Decatur and Keeler	I. L. King	19	...	19	1	..	..	....	....	1	7 30	4 70	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Watervliet, Fish schoolhouse, Hagar	W. S. Mulholland	45	13	58	1	..	3	16	75	12	13 50	8 10	6 75	6 75	4 50	.....	23 50	2 50
Bainbridge, Pipestone, Royalton and Benton Harbor	C. H. Jerome	21	2	23	..	..	1	4	20	4	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	...	.....	....
Total	.....	919	83	1002	15	5	26	180	978	170	$ 268 30	$ 160 14	$ 138 05	$ 129 30	$ 79 56	.....	$ 231 55	$134 94

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT											
Spring Arbor	$ 1 25	$ 1 89	$ 32 74	....	$ 323 70	$ 72 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Jackson	.....	....	25 00	....	.....	33 73	$ 20 40	1	$ 2000	1	$ 1500
Parma	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 00	11 75	.....	1	200	..	.....
Hudson and Woodstock	.....	.....	.....	.....	238 35	26 17	.....	1	600	1	400
DETROIT DISTRICT											
Detroit	.....	1 07	46 16	$ 5 10	807 47	73 98	13 50	1	3500	1	2500
West Detroit	....	....	8 00	1 10	38 45	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
New Boston, Texas and Sand Hill	75	43	10 15	.....	324 74	55 50	.....	2	1750	1	400
Waltz, Carlton and Sumpter	.....	1 00	12 60	....	155 80	28 00	.....	2	1600	1	300
Milan and Oakville	1 00	.....	46 85	.....	650 00	58 83	.....	3	2500	1	1000
Temperance Ida and Whiteford	.....	2 09	41 10	40	339 63	48 86	.....	3	2500	1	800
Blissfield, Town Line, Petersburg	.....	.....	10 30	1 25	403 83	27 84	3 34	4	2600	1	750
Ridgeway, Holloway, Wellsville	....	.....	24 50	2 50	300 62	42 62	.....	3	2800	1	600
Adrian and Madison	.....	....	30 00	.	634 15	63 39	15 17	2	1700	1	1500
Jasper and Deming's Lake	.....	.....	11 33	85	267 06	26 64	.....	1	800	1	800
COLDWATER DISTRICT											
Coldwater and Hillsdale	.....	.....	31 00	....	154 38	40 12	8 00	2	2300	..	.....
South Quincy, Bethel and Algansee	.....	2 00	42 00	.....	450 77	86 37	.....	3	3000	1	500
Frontier and Ransom	.....	.....	20 00	.....	387 99	59 53	.....	1	2000	1	1000
Sherwood and Colon	...	1 53	17 70		263 59	36 84	5 60	2	1300	1	800
Athens, Union City, Battle Creek	..	.....	.....	3 00	422 41	55 53	42 27	..	.....	..	.....
Eckford	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT											
Kalamazoo	.....	3 12	107 86	.....	433 32	44 64	.....	1	1800	1	700
South Haven	.....	.	25 00	...	313 00	36 25	18 00	1	1200	1	1200
Lawrence and Hartford	1 00	1 00	15 00	30	314 60	41 75	.....	2	1400	1	700
Decatur and Keeler	....	.....	.....	....	.....	15 29	.....	2	1600	..	.....
Watervliet, Fish schoolhouse and Hagar	1 45	.....	19 22	10	355 37	66 21	.....	2	1600	1	500
Bainbridge, Pipestone, Royalton and Benton Harbor	....	50	4 66	....	193 44	30 00	25 00	3	1700	..	.....
Total	$ 5 45	$14 63	$ 581 17	$14 60	$7930 69	$1081 84	$ 151 28	43	40450	18	$ 15950

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ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Ninth Annual Session, held at Springfield, Missouri, September 2–5, 1903

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

J. M. ROBERSON, *Secretary.* MRS. MINNIE ARNETT, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. Adams, A. Maxfield, W. D. Vaughan, J. M. Roberson.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

J. M. Roberson, R. Adams, J. W. Alverson, A. Maxfield.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Foreign Missions and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents' Claim; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. M. Roberson, A. Maxfield, R. Adams, N. T. Holcomb, W. D. Vaughan, C. L. Hewitt, L. W. Steele.

DELEGATES

Mrs. Perna Peebles, B. F. Bur, Mrs. Lizzie Roberson, W. G. Coulter, W. F. Dallas.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, J. M. Roberson, B. F. Bur, W. G. Coulter, R. Adams, Lizzie Roberson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. F. Dallas, Francis Showalters.

4. Who remain on trial? W. L. Warren. F. L. Chevally was discontinued.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. C. Bostian.

6. Who are the deacons? W. C. Bostian.

7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 21, 22. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. D. Vaughan.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? L. W. Steele, C. L. Hewitt, A. Maxfield, X. Atchison.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24. See statistical report.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place is left to the district elders; time as near the first Wednesday in September, 1904, as will suit the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

Let all the preachers see that the conference collections are taken at the time ordered and the money sent to R. Adams, conference treasurer, Vilonia, Arkansas.

APPOINTMENTS

FAIRPLAY DISTRICT—J. M. Roberson, District Elder, West Plains, Missouri.

Fair Play and Springfield.....To be supplied
A Maxfield, given certificate of standing.

NEVADA DISTRICT—J. M. Roberson, District Elder.

Nevada, Virginia and Schell City.....M. F. Showlders, P. C., Nevada, Missouri
.....W. G. Coulter, supply, Virginia, "
Zodiac and Oak Grove ....To be supplied
Joplin, Neosho and Carthage..... .....To be supplied
Phelps and Monet.....Eliza C. Witherspoon, Phelps, Missouri
W. D. Vaughan, supernumerary; C. L. Hewitt, given a certificate of standing.

HARRISON DISTRICT—R. Adams, District Elder, Vilonia, Arkansas.

Harrison, Pleasant Ridge and Oak Grove..... N. T. Holcomb, Harrison, Arkansas
..... W. H. Hughes, supply

WEST PLAINS DISTRICT—R. Adams, District Elder.

West Plains, Mt. View and Big Apple.....W. L. Warren
Mammoth Spring ..... F. C. Embery, supply, Mammoth Spring, Arkansas

BEEBE DISTRICT—R. Adams, District Elder.

Beebe and Antioch .....J. Talkington, supply, Antioch, Arkansas
Vilonia..... .....W. F. Dallas, Vilonia, "
Hot Springs and Benton.....W. C. Bostian (Box 6), Hot Springs, "
Holland and Conway .....To be supplied

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FAIR PLAY DISTRICT											
Springfield and Fair Play	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	$ 800 00	1	$ 400
Mountain Grove and Bryant	....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
.....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
VIRGINIA AND CARTHAGE DISTRICT											
Virginia, Nevada and Schell City	....	....	.....	....	$ 71 85	*$ 60 00 95 46 20 17	.....		.....	..	.....
Round Prairie and Zodiac	....	....	.....	.....	40 57	4 51	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Carthage, Joplin, Webb City, Neosho and Phelps	$ 2 20	$ 1 84	$ 5 44	.....	36 30	25 34	$ 60 00	2	1000 00	..	.....
HARRISON DISTRICT											
Harrison, Pleasant Ridge and Oak Grove	....	.....	.....	..	13 22	.....	13 00	..	.....	..	.....
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT											
West Plains, Mt. View, Big Apple	.....	.....	.....	.....	114 84	† 100 00 35 60	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Mammoth Spring and Hardy	....	.....	8 00	....	3 00	36 70	.....	..	.....	..	.....
BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT											
Beebe and Little Rock	.....	.....	10 00	.....	35 50	170 00 30 75	.....	1	400 00	..	.....
Hot Springs	...		10 00	$ 1 00	150 00	37 50	60 00	..	.....		.....
Total	$ 2 20	$ 1 84	$ 33 44	$ 1 00	$ 470 28	$ 425 46	$ 133 00	4	$2200 00	1	$ 400

*From Missionary Board. †From Missionary Board.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

FAIR PLAY, VIRGINIA AND CARTHAGE, HARRISON, WEST PLAINS AND BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICTS

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FAIR PLAY DISTRICT	L. W. Steele, District Elder																	
Springfield and Fair Play	A. Maxfield	24	..	[illegible]	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	$ 3 00	..	$ 2 00	..	$ 3 00	..	..
Mountain Grove and Bryant	George Coffman	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	* 9 00	..	..	..	..	..	..
VIRGINIA AND CARTHAGE DISTRICT	L. W. Steele, District Elder																	
Virginia, Nevada and Schell City	W. D. Vaughan	44	..	44	3	1	2	..	..	2	..	1 42	$ 2 00	..	$ 3 90	3 90	..	..
Round Prairie and Zodiac	W. L Warren	16	3	19	1	..	..	..	..	2	$ 60	1 80	..	1 60	56	..	$ 1 00	..
Carthage, Joplin, Webb City, Neosho and Phelps	C. L. Hewitt	28	..	28	1	1	..	..	..	6	3 90	2 28	..	1 65	60	2 30	..	..
HARRISON DISTRICT	N. T. Holcomb, Station Elder																	
Harrison, Pleasant Ridge and Oak Grove	N. T. Holcomb, W. H. Hughes, supply	26	2	28	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 45	..	..	..	..
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT	R. Adams, District Elder																	
West Plains, Mt. View and Big Apple	J. M. Roberson	26	1	27	2	..	..	..	..	6	6 60	3 96	..	3 30	2 20	2 20	..	..
Mammoth Spring and Hardy	F. M. Elliott, supply	19	..	19	2	..	1	8	35	4	4 00	3 96	..	3 30	45	..	..	..
BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT	R, Adams, District Elder																	
Beebe and Little Rock	J. Talkerton, supply	57	8	65	5	..	2	9	115	5	..	1 00	..	..	..	1 00	..	..
Hot Springs	W. C. Bostian	25	6	31	3	1	2	8	40	6	1 40	1 98	..	3 70	1 30	1 35	..	..
		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	† 9 75	..	..	..	..	..	..
		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	‡ 2 00	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total		265	20	285	20	3	7	25	190	32	$ 16 50	$ 40 14	$ 2 00	$ 22 00	$ 9 00	$ 13 75	$ 1 00	..

*Collection at Conference.

†Appropriated from General Delegates Expenses

‡Surplus from Treasurer's report.

EASTERN ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session, held at Verona, Ontario, September 2–6, 1903

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, *President.*

W. H. REYNOLDS, *Secretary.* A. SIMS, *Assistant Secretary.*

R. BURNHAM, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, W. H. Reynolds, C. Cunningham.

On Quarterly Conference Records—S. Rogers, R. Burnham.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretary.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. H. Gregory.

On Publications—C. Cunningham, S. T. Gunter, A. M. Bridge.

On Reforms—S. Rogers, S. T. Gunter, Henry Daniels.

On Sabbath-schools—S. T. Gunter, E. Snider, Stewart Walker.

On Education—A. Sims, W. H. Reynolds, John Rebman, James Shay.

On State of the Work—W. H. Reynolds, A. Sims, R. Burnham, Thomas Flake, Hiram Leake.

On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations—W. H. Reynolds, A. Sims, William Grant, Aurelius Snider.

On Evangelists' Benefit Fund—The committee on home missions.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. Sims, president; R. Burnham, secretary and treasurer; C. Cunningham, George Hughes, William Grant.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. Sims, president; W. H. Reynolds, secretary and treasurer; R. Burnham, John Ball, A. M. Bridge.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

A. Sims, president, one year; W. H. Reynolds, secretary, two years; R. Burnham, three years.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—A. Sims. On Reforms—W. H. Reynolds.

On Sabbath-schools—C. Cunningham. On Education—R. Burnham.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

First quarter, (1) Home Missions, (2) Evangelists' Benefit Fund; second quarter, (1) General Missions, (2) General Superintendents' Salary: third quarter, (1) Church Extension, (2) Contingent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. H. Reynolds, S. Rogers, S. Walker, A. Sims,
R. Burnham, C. Cunningham, S. T. Gunter, E. Snider,
W. H. Gregory, C. A. Fox, William Zurbrigg.

DELEGATES

Thomas Flake, Roland Terry, William Grant, James Shay,
A. M. Bridge, John Rebman, Henry Daniels, William Findlay,
Hiram Leake, Aurelius Snider, John Ball, Ira Moore,
George McIllwaine, John Potter, George Hughes, George Alton,
Merritt Spinks, Anson Martin, Matthias Hickling.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, A. Sims, W. H. Reynolds, George Hughes, James Shay.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Sperry Snider.

4. Who remain on trial? Charles Dierks, D. L. Gunter, F. D. Bradley, Charles Goodrich.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. A. Fox, William Zurbrigg.

6. Who are the deacons? E. Snider, W. H. Gregory, *C. A. Fox, William Zurbrigg.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. Cunningham.

8. Who have located this year? S. Walker.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. H. Reynolds, F. D. Bradley.

10, 11, 12, 15, 21, 22. No business.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? S. Rogers.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See reports and statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next session of conference be held? At Ravenshoe, on the Belhaven circuit; to begin as near the first Wednesday in September, 1904, as may suit the convenience of the general superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS

KINGSTON DISTRICT—R. Burnham, District Elder.

Kingston and Cataraqui.....C. A. Fox
Gananoque and Lansdowne.....E. Snider
Wilton and Odessa.....C. Dierks
Verona, Oak Flats and Petworth.....C. Cunningham
Westport.....William Zurbrigg
Maberly.....Emeline Buck, supply
Perth Road.....George Alton, supply
Vennachar and Mt. Zion.....To be supplied
Picton and Fairmount.....Charles Goodrich

W. H. Reynolds, supernumerary; S. Walker, granted a certificate of location at his own request.

HAVELOCK DISTRICT—R. Burnham, District Elder.

Gunter.....John Potter, supply

*Ordained this year.

Beaver Creek and Cordova ..... Charles Babcock, supply
Trent Bridge and Victoria ..... To be supplied
Burnley and Warkworth ..... D. L. Gunter

TORONTO DISTRICT—A. Sims, District Elder.

Toronto ..... John Montgomery, supply
Port Credit ..... To be supplied
Armadale and Scarboro Junction ..... Lotta Babcock, supply
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant ..... Sperry Snider
Belhaven and Baldwin ..... S. T. Gunter

F. D. Bradley, supernumerary; S. Rogers, given a certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—A. Sims, District Elder.

Crown Hill and Barrie ..... Ada Forman, supply
Barkway and Severn Bridge ..... Leonard Slingerland, supply
Bracebridge ..... W. H. Gregory
Gravenhurst ..... Eliza Free and Gertie Pratt, supplies
Huntsville ..... Emma Snider and Louise Hicks, supplies

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON HOME MISSIONS.

Kingston and Havelock Districts.—Receipts, $142.33.
Disbursements: $73.50; balance on hand, $68.83.
Toronto and Muskoka Districts.—Receipts, $181.53.
Disbursements: $56.12; balance on hand, $125.41.
Total balance, $194.24.

II.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Superintendents' Salary.—To cash and receipts, $104.23. Deficit, $2.83.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Receipts, $174.25. Deficit, $3.35.
Church Extension.—$59.20.
General Missions.—$87.05. Deficit, $1.75.
Evangelists' Benefit Fund.—$75.15.
Funds to Publish the Minutes.—$16.10.
Foreign Mission Fund.—$10.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN ONTARIO CONFERENCE

KINGSTON, HAVELOCK, TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
KINGSTON DISTRICT	W. H. Reynolds, District Elder																	
Gananoque and Lansdowne	E. Snider	15	1	16	..	..	..	..	..	7	$ 4 20	$ 2 52	$ 2 75	$ 2 10	$ 1 40	..	..	$ 35
Kingston and Cataraqui	S. Rogers	41	4	45	1	..	2	10	30	7	15 60	9 37	13 00	7 80	5 20	..	$ 21 57	7 29
Wilton and Odessa	Emeline Buck	20	7	27	..	..	..	..	..	5	6 00	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	..	2 00	..
Verona, Oak Flats and Petworth	C. Cunningham	62	30	92	..	..	3	18	90	7	21 00	12 60	17 50	10 50	7 00	..	..	33 35
Westport and Maberly	C. A. Fox	37	..	37	..	..	2	8	40	5	11 10	6 66	9 25	5 55	3 70	..	15 00	9 10
Perth Road	George Alton	11	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	1	3 30	1 98	2 75	1 65	1 10	..	..	..
Vennachar and Mt. Zion		10	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	1	1 80	1 18	2 50	90	80	..	..	..
Bloomfield and Ridge Road	Charles Goodrich	25	4	29	..	..	1	7	40	3	6 30	3 78	5 25	3 15	2 10	$ 83	..	6 00
HAVELOCK DISTRICT	W. H. Reynolds, District Elder																	
Gunter	D. L. Gunter	14	..	14	2	1	1	4	53	2	3 90	2 34	3 25	1 95	1 80	..	..	..
Beaver Creek and Rockdale	Sperry Snider	23	4	27	1	..	2	6	70	[illegible]	7 20	4 32	6 00	3 60	2 40	..	..	..
Trent Bridge		9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	90	54	..	45	30	..	..	..
Burnley and Warkworth		25	5	30	..	..	2	5	40	3	7 50	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 50	..	..	..
TORONTO DISTRICT	A. Sims, District Elder																	
Toronto	R. Burnham	21	2	23	2	..	1	7	[illegible]	5	4 50	2 70	3 75	2 25	1 50	..	..	19 56
Port Credit		1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	18	25	15	10	..	..	..
Armadale	F. D. Bradley	29	3	[illegible]	1	..	1	7	35	6	8 40	5 04	7 00	4 20	2 80	..	8 00	10 00
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant		43	2	45	1	1	1	7	49	5	12 00	7 20	8 50	6 00	4 00	..	..	20 03
Belhaven and Baldwin	S. F. Gunter	[illegible]	12	63	1	1	2	8	75	5	15 30	9 18	12 75	7 65	5 10	..	..	38 67
MUSKOKA DISTRICT	A. Sims, District Elder																	
Crown Hill and Barrie		25	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	3	7 80	4 68	6 85	3 75	2 60	..	..	..
Barkway and Severn Bridge	William Zurbrigg	30	..	30	2	..	2	8	60	6	9 00	5 40	7 50	4 50	3 00	..	..	12 65
Bracebridge	W. H. Gregory	77	4	81	4	..	1	12	109	18	21 00	12 60	17 50	10 50	7 00	..	215 00	54 41
Gravenhurst	Emma Snider	8	3	11	..	1	..	..	..	3	2 70	1 62	2 25	1 35	90	..	..	22 72
Huntsville	Charles Dierks	18	..	18	1	..	1	4	20	6	4 80	2 88	4 00	2 40	1 60	..	1 00	7 07
Total		595	61	676	17	4	22	111	736	100	$ 174 60	$ 104 87	$ 143 85	$ 87 15	$ 58 40	$ 83	$ 262 57	$241 20

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EASTERN ONTARIO CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
KINGSTON DISTRICT											
Gananoque and Lansdowne					$ 216 85	$ 39 99		1	$ 1400		
Kingston and Cataraqui	$ 4 70		$ 26 00		352 00	59 43		1	1200		
Wilton and Odessa					86 20	33 08		1	1000		
Verona, Oak Flats and Petworth			21 10		401 72	50 45	$ 24 18	2	1700	1	$ 700
Westport and Maberly		$ 1 25	20 00		375 44	42 90		1	1200		
Perth Road					7 02	30 63		1	700		
Vennachar and Mt. Zion					75 95	24 27		2	500		
Bloomfield and Ridge Road	1 00	50	16 03		261 15	31 68		1	700		
HAVELOCK DISTRICT											
Gunter			11 62		88 62	37 32		1	500		
Beaver Creek and Rockdale			6 50	$ 25	262 22	71 45		1	600	1	475
Trent Bridge								2	1200		
Burnley and Warkworth			19 85			67 79		1	675	1	500
TORONTO DISTRICT											
Toronto			19 51	1 00	*400 68	41 92		1	1800		
Port Credit						13 90		1	500		
Armadale			10 17		298 34	57 96		1	700		
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant			13 58	35	219 27	51 85		2	1800	1	800
Belhaven and Baldwin			19 55		411 00	68 41		3	1200		
MUSKOKA DISTRICT											
Crown Hill and Barrie						40 36		1	1000		
Barkway and Severn Bridge			11 00		281 54	40 74		4	2000	1	650
Bracebridge			39 13		480 00	87 06	1 20	1	600	1	1000
Gravenhurst					175 00	33 43					
Huntsville			1 27		281 62	42 40		4	800	1	400
Total	$ 5 70	$ 1 75	$ 235 31	$ 1 60	$4674 62	$1017 11	$ 25 38	33	$ 21775	7	$ 4525

*This includes $40.00 received from the General Mission Fund.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-fourth Annual Session, held at the Second Free Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois, September 1-6, 1903

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

HENRY LENZ, *Secretary.* GEORGE BRADFIELD, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. P. FERRIES, *Treasurer.* T. C. WENDELL, *Statistical Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, H. O. Hubbard, J. D. Kelsey.

On Sunday-schools—J. G. Rockenbach, Tressa R. Arnold, John Harvey, John Cryer, Minnie Bardell.

On Publications—F. M. Campbell, J. D. Marsh, Levi Patton, W. P. Ferries, George Krieg.

On Reforms—W. C. Willing, J. H. Porter, D. M. Smashey, James Harvey, Thomas Heavisides, John Hill.

On State of the Work—B. D. Fay, W. J. Bone, H. O. Hubbard, F. D. Brooke, D. W. Rose, W. J. Jackson.

On Education—A. W. Parry, George Bradfield, A. L. Whitcomb, W. P. Ferries, F. J. Kline, E. G. Cryer.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—R. G. Wilkin.

Auditing Committee—S. J. DeYoung, W. S. Scalf.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—F. D. Brooke, Bertha Rubeck, Arthur Perry, Nettie Haslehurst, G. H. Behner.

To Report for the Press—A. W. Parry, G. H. Behner.

On Complimentary Resolutions—W. M. Kelsey.

On Memoirs—W. P. Ferries, J. D. Marsh, P. W. Newcomer, F. D. Brooke, J. H. Porter.

On Ministerial Relations—J. D. Marsh, A. L. Whitcomb, W. P. Ferries, J. G. Rockenbach, Robert McKee, D. M. Allen, Levi Patton.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. D. Kelsey, F. D. Brooke, J. D. Marsh, Thomas Heavisides, Levi Patton.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. D. Marsh, H. O. Hubbard, J. H. Wœrtendyke, time expires 1904.

J. H. Porter, James T. Tait, Joel Cronk, time expires 1905.

J. D. Kelsey, W. P. Ferries, F. D. Brooke, time expires 1906.

TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

J. D. Kelsey, W. J. Jackson, time expires 1904.

W. P. Ferries, R. B. McKee, time expires 1905.

J. D. Marsh, Charles Wright, time expires 1906.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

B. D. Fay, time expires 1904. J. D. Kelsey, time expires 1905.

F. M. Campbell, time expires 1906. S. J. DeYoung, time expires 1907.

W. C. Willing, time expires 1908.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—D. W. Rose. On State of the Work—W. J. Bone.
On Reforms—B. D. Fay. On Publications—W. C. Willing.
On Education—J. D. Marsh.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Maria Rose, president, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Della Bone, first vice president, Fairbury, Illinois; Mrs. Belle Smashey, second vice president, Sycamore, Illinois; Mrs. Sadie Hill, recording secretary, Algonquin, Illinois; Mrs. Ella H. Wendell, corresponding secretary, Nunda, Illinois; Mrs. Lydia Robinson, treasurer, 6011 LaSalle street, Chicago, Illinois.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

James Sprague, F. D. Brooke, H. O. Hubbard, F. M. Fish. J. G. Rockenbach, M. L. Johnson, Henry Lenz, D. M. Smashey, George Bradfield,
J. D. Marsh, P. W. Newcomer, John Harvey, J. H. Wœrtendyke, D. W. Rose, S. J. DeYoung, F. M. Campbell, W. C. Willing, T. C. Wendell,
J. D. Kelsey, W. M. Kelsey, W. C. McNeil, A. W. Parry, J. H. Polly, J. F. Hill, W. J. Bone, W. S. Scalf, J. T. Merry,
W. P. Ferries, J. T. Taylor, W. E. Bardell, B. D. Fay, E. G. Cryer, G. H. Behner, A. L. Whitcomb, R. G. Wilkin, C. W. Lyman.

DELEGATES

Levi Patton, G. E. Curtis, George Krieg, S. Sunday, C. Stirdivant, Jennie Wendell, Nettie Haslehurst, Fannie Neal,
William Peet, James Harvey, John Cryer, F. J. Kline, A. L. Wright, Virginia E. Gates, Bertha Rubeck, H. H. Everet,
Robert McKee, J. H. Porter, John H. Cook, Arthur Perry, Ida Goodrich, Tressa R. Arnold, Maria Rose, George Kiltz.
Thomas Heavisides, W. J. Jackson, D. M. Allen, S. M. Phelps, Jennie Wessels, Minnie Bardell, Florence Fowler,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, H. O. Hubbard, B. D. Fay, W. J. Bone, J. H. Porter, William Peet, Thomas Heavisides.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? L. A. Hamrick, Joseph W. Hill.

4. Who remain on trial? C. M. Stirdivant, E. A. Tapper.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? George Bradfield, T. C. Wendell.

6. Who are the deacons? George Bradfield, T. C. Wendell, J. T. Merry, of the first class; R. G. Wilkin, of the second class.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. C. Willing, W. S. Scalf.

8. Who have located this year? W. E. Bardell, at his own request.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. H. Wœrtendyke, S. J. DeYoung, F. M. Campbell.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? F. M. Fish, A. W. Parry, J. H. Polly.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference?. J. T. Merry, of the Kansas conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer?

A. L. Whitcomb, to the Central Illinois conference; C. W. Lyman, to the Michigan conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? Peter Zeller.

16–20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. W. Parry, $80; Mrs. Peter Zeller, $100.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? As near the first Tuesday in September, 1904, as possible, at Evanston, Illinois.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference for the first time convened at Second church, Chicago. General Superintendent W. A. Sellew opened the conference with the administration of the Lord's Supper. Fifteen minutes were set aside at each sitting for an address by the general superintendent, which was much appreciated. The three district elders who served last year, H. O. Hubbard, B. D. Fay, W. J. Bone, were re-elected on the first ballot.

The following collections were taken during the conferenee: For W. F. M. S., $172.80; for publishing the Minutes, $25.55; for secretary's expenses, $6.88; for the resident pastor, $45; for Mrs. Thomas Duncan and children, $214.50.

The conference collections were ordered to be taken as follows: Home Missions (22 cents), October; General Missions, January; Church Extension, March; Evansville Seminary (15 cents), April; Conference Claimants' (including five cents ordered by general conference), June; General Superintendents', August.

The following ministers preached during the conference: W. A. Sellew, C. B. Ebey, E. G. Cryer, J. T. Merry, W. S. Scalf, C. W. Miller, R. G. Wilkin, A. L. Whitcomb, W. P. Lasswell, George Bradfield.

The Home Mission fund was appropriated as follows for the coming year: Deer Creek, $30: Princeton, $30; Winnebago and Ridott, $30; Crawford, $25; district elder, Elgin district, $50; district elder, Peoria district, $25. Total, $190.

The following persons were introduced to the conference: Rev. C. B. Ebey, editor of the Free Methodist; Rev. L. B. Webb, of Evansville Seminary; Edward Ronayne, author of Ronayne's Reminiscences; Rev. N. O. Westengreen, of the Swedish M. E. church; Rev. B. Winget, missionary secretary; Rev. W. B. Olmstead, Sunday-school secretary; Revs. S. K. J. Chesbro and W. B. Rose, publishing agents; Rev. C. W. Miller, of the Michigan conference.

The conference elected a conference treasurer, to whom all collections shall be sent, instead of to S. K. J. Chesbro, as heretofore.

A committee was appointed to draft a memorial to the executive committee setting forth the position of the conference upon the doctrine of evolution.

The total amount of money raised during the year for all purposes was $19,875.78, making an average per member of $19.85½.

Second church, Chicago, reports the largest membership, 73.

Second church, Chicago, and Evanston divide the honors for the largest salary, $800 each.

The banner circuit for foreign missions is Second church, Chicago, $77.13.

First church, Chicago, reports the largest Sunday-school, viz., 116 scholars.

The W. F. M. S. of the Second church, Chicago, reports the largest amount raised, $200.58.

Where are the largest number of FREE METHODISTS taken? Second church and Kewanee, each 25.

An increase of fourteen Sunday-school scholars is reported in the conference for the past year.

This has been a good, solid conference, with much business and much blessing. Those sermons by the general superintendent will wear well and stay long.

We mourn the loss of our genial co-laborer, Peter Zeller. No doubt he reached the pearly gates and is singing, "Another Wave is Coming."

The total amount reported as Children's Day collection was $23.47, of which Peoria circuit raised $10.57. Awake, brethren, do better next time.

That was a masterly report—that last one of the stationing committee. We did not learn the vote on its adoption, but suppose it must have been nearly unanimous.

The memorial service for Peter Zeller and Thomas Duncan was held on Saturday afternoon.

We will report twelve months hence at Evanston, or in heaven.

APPOINTMENTS

CHICAGO DISTRICT—H. O. HUBBARD, District Elder, 355 South Hoyne avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago, First church ..... To be supplied
" Second church ..... Henry Lenz, 48 Lexington street, Chicago, Illinois
" Dearborn Street and South Chicago ..... F. D. Brooke, 5253 Dearborn street, Chicago, Illinois
" Humboldt Park ..... G. H. Behner
Evanston ..... J. D. Marsh, 1814 Ridge avenue, Evanston, Illinois
Aurora ..... P. W. Newcomer, 105 South Lincoln avenue, Aurora, Illinois
Harvey and South Englewood ..... James Sprague, Harvey, "
Crawford ..... To be supplied
Melrose Park ..... J. G. Rockenbach
Glen Ellyn ..... T. B. Arnold, supply
St. Charles ..... John Harvey

J. T. Taylor, missionary to India; A. L. Whitcomb, granted a certificate of standing.

ELGIN DISTRICT—B. D. FAY, District Elder, Franklin Grove, Illinois.

Elgin and South Elgin ..... W. P. Ferries, 63 Villa street, Elgin, Illinois
Freeport and Hart schoolhouse .... George Bradfield, 24 American street, Freeport, "
Winnebago and Ridott ..... D. W. Finch, supply, Winnebago, "
Belvidere and Rockford ..... W. S. Scalf, 423 North Main street, Belvidere, "
Marengo ..... E. A. Tapper
Woodstock ..... R. G. Wilkin
Cary and Algonquin ..... Joseph W. Hill, Sadie Hill, supply, Algonquin, Illinois
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley .... T. C. Wendell, Ella Wendell, supply, Nunda, "
Sycamore and South Burlington ..... D. M. Smashey, Sycamore, "
Franklin Grove and Ashton ..... To be supplied
Dustin ..... To be supplied
Franklin ..... To be supplied

J. D. Kelsey, manager of Chicago Industrial Home, Woodstock, Illinois; Mrs. Nellie Kelsey, matron Chicago Industrial Home; J. H. Wœrtendyke, supernumerary; F. M. Fish, superannuated; W. E. Bardell, granted certificate of location.

PEORIA DISTRICT—W. J. BONE, District Elder, Fairbury, Illinois.

Peoria and Limestone ..... W. C. Willing, 604 Windom street, Peoria, Illinois
East Peoria and Pekin ..... C. M. Stirdivant, East Peoria, "
Deer Creek and Bethel ..... M. L. Johnson, Deer Creek, "
Fairbury ..... D. W. Rose
Streator ..... To be supplied
Deer Park, Alabama ..... To be supplied
Morris and Mazon ..... John F. Hill, Morris, Illinois
Kempton ..... E. G. Cryer

KEWANEE DISTRICT—W. J. Bone, District Elder.

Kewanee, Saxon and Galva.....W. M. Kelsey, 106 East First street, Kewanee, Illinois
Sheffield and Atkinson.....J. T. Merry, Sheffield, "
New Bedford and Leon ..... L. A. Hamrick, New Bedford, "
Sherrard.....G. C. Mills, supply
Princeton .....W. P. Lasswell, supply

W. C. McNeil, left without appointment; A. W. Parry, superannuated; F. M. Campbell, supernumerary.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Belle Smashey, Mrs. Lizzie Brooke, Mrs. Maria Rose, Sadie Cryer Hill,
Clara Burdick, Lizzie M. Haist, Bertha Rubeck, Mrs. Ella Wendell,
Mrs. Minnie E. Bardell, Mrs. Jennie Wessels, Mrs. Eva R. Willing, A. E. Burlison,
Mrs. Emma H. Behner, Mrs. Della D. Bone, Mrs. May Fay, Mrs. Virginia Gates,
Mrs. Tressa R. Arnold.

LOCAL ELDERS

William Morrison .....St. Charles, Illinois
J. A. Murray.....1906 Asbury avenue, Evanston, "
T. B. Arnold .....Glen Ellyn, "

LOCAL DEACONS

W. P. Lasswell.....Princeton, Illinois
G. C. Mills .....Sherrard, "

ADDRESSES

Henry Lenz, secretary .....48 Lexington street, Chicago, Illinois
W. P. Ferries, treasurer.....63 Villa street, Elgin, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $304.50.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Assessed and paid, $182.70.
Church Extension.—Assessed and paid, $101.50.
General Missions.—Assessed and paid, $152.25.
Home Missionary Claim.—Assessed and paid, $203.
Foreign Missions.—Paid to W. E. Bardell, $82.08.
Evansville Seminary.—Assessed and paid, $152.25.
For Galva Church.—Paid to W. E. Bardell. $18.05.
Educational Fund.—$1.77.

W. E. Bardell, Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

At this time when the air is full of eulogies concerning the dead Pope Leo XIII, and,

Whereas, An attempt is made to cover up the corruption of Romanism through the possible morality of the deceased pope,

Resolved, That we express our deepest condemnation of the whole of Romanism and her corruptions and that we shall continue to oppose her in every laudable manner.

Whereas, In our opinion the question of evolution in its various phases as touching the creation of man has done great violence to the work of the Christian church and ministry, therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that any preacher holding to the "theistic evolution" in the origin of the species is unsound in the doctrines of the Free Methodist church.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHICAGO AND ELGIN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
CHICAGO DISTRICT	H. O. Hubbard, District Elder																	
Chicago, First Church	John Harvey	27	4	31	..	1	1	8	116	8	$ 9 60	$ 5 76	$ 6 40	$ 4 80	$ 3 20	.....	$ 3 60	$ 40 12
" Second Church	J. D. Kelsey	73	8	81	1	2	1	14	98	25	22 20	13 32	14 80	11 10	7 40	.....	77 13	200 58
" Dearborn St, and So. Chicago	F. D. Brooke	64	8	72	..	2	1	13	105	19	15 90	9 54	10 60	7 95	5 30	.....	10 00	99 00
" Humboldt Park	James D, Marsh	59	3	62	..	1	1	15	115	12	18 00	10 80	12 00	9 00	6 00	..	.....	.....
" Crawford	C. M. Stirdivant	14	3	17	1	2	1	6	56	4	4 20	2 52	2 80	2 10	1 40	..	.....	.....
Aurora	W. C. Willing	26	1	27		2	1	6	46	5	10 80	6 48	7 20	5 40	3 60	....	.....	33 20
Evanston	A. L. Whitcomb	50	15	65	3	..	1	12	82	12	11 70	7 02	7 80	5 85	3 90	.....	60 58	70 07
Harvey and So. Englewood	P. W. Newcomer	39	8	47		2	1	9	53	7	9 90	5 94	6 60	4 95	3 30	.. ....	11 85	41 01
Melrose Park	J. G. Rockenbach	20	1	21	1	1	1	11	95	4	6 30	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	.....	11 75	.....
Glen Ellyn	T. B. Arnold, supply	11	5	16	..	1	1	5	39	2	3 60	2 16	2 16	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	33 [illegible]
St. Charles	W. M. Kelsey	36	7	43	1	..	1	15	96	13	13 20	7 92	8 80	6 60	4 40	....	15 00	9 25
ELGIN DISTRICT	B. D. Fay, District Elder																	
Elgin and South Elgin	W. P. Ferries	43	3	46	2	..	1	9	40	12	13 20	7 92	8 80	6 60	4 40	.....	7 63	.....
Freeport and Lena	George Bradfield	34	..	34	....	..	1	8	39	18	10 20	6 12	6 80	5 10	3 40	.....	24 93	41 46
Winnebago and Ridott	T. C. Wendell, E. Wendell, sup	37	1	38	1	2	2	13	65	14	10 50	6 30	7 00	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	5 37
Belvidere and Rockford	W. S. Scall	38	2	40	..	2	1	6	40	13	12 90	7 74	8 60	6 45	4 30	.....	.....	.....
Marengo	E. A. Tapper	12	2	14	....	..	..	....	....	5	3 90	2 34	2 60	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	4 85
Cary and Algonquin	D. W. Finch, supply	16	2	18	1	..	1	3	15	6	6 30	3 78	.....	3 15	2 10	.....	9 00	.....
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley	J. H. Polly	30	1	31	....	..	2	13	40	12	9 60	5 76	6 40	4 80	3 20	.....	10 00	53 58
Sycamore and South Burlington	D. M. Smashey	27	..	27	2	1	2	10	50	9	7 80	4 68	5 20	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	28 45
Franklin Grove and Ashton	B. D. Fay	10	1	11	..	..	..	....	....	4	2 40	1 44	1 60	1 20	80	.....	26 35	.....
Dustin	B. D. Fay	8	..	8		..	1	4	12	3	2 40	1 44	1 60	1 20	80	.....	.....	3 00
Franklin		....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Woodstock	R. G. Wilkin	31	...	31	....	..	1	9	50	11	5 40	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	14 68

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PEORIA, KEWANEE AND MORRIS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PEORIA DISTRICT	W. J. Bone, District Elder																	
Peoria and Limestone	Henry Lenz	49	6	55	2	1	2	16	90	10	$ 14 10	$ 8 46	$ 9 40	$ 7 05	$ 4 70	.....	$ 45 05	$ 22 25
East Peoria and Pekin	George H. Behner	28	13	41	..	1	2	14	120	4	7 80	4 68	5 20	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	15 80
Deer Creek and Bethel	G. C. Mills, supply	17	5	22	1	1	1	4	25	5	5 10	3 06	2 54	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairbury	D. W. Rose	34	3	37	1	1	1	10	60	11	11 40	6 84	7 60	5 70	3 80	.....	.....	11 51
Streator	W. J. Bone	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 20	72	48	60	....	.....	.....	.....
Deer Park, Alabama	M. L. Johnson	6	1	7	..	..	1	4	33	2	3 00	1 60	2 00	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....
KEWANEE DISTRICT	W. J. Bone, District Elder																	
Kewanee, Saxon, Galva and Toulon	F. M. Campbell	54	6	60	..	..	1	11	40	25	16 80	10 08	11 20	8 40	5 60	.....	.....	20 43
Sheffield and Atkinson	T. Duncan, supply	23	1	24		..	1	7	26	12	7 80	4 68	.....	3 90	2 72	.....	.....	.....
New Bedford and Leon	L. Hamrick, supply	20	7	27	..	..	1	6	45	7	6 00	3 60	4 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Knoxville																		
Sherrard	Lizzie M. Haist, supply	7	1	8	..	..	1	4	30	3	2 10	1 26	1 40	1 05	70	.....	.....	10 97
Princeton	James Sprague	4	2	6	..	..	1	3	9	2	1 20	72	80	60	40	.....	1 00	.....
MORRIS DISTRICT	W. J. Bone, District Elder																	
Morris and Mazon	J. F. Hill	27	..	....	..		1	4	16	7	9 60	5 76	6 40	4 80	3 20	.....	.....	.....
Kempton	S. J. DeYoung	23	2	25	2	..	2	8	30	7	7 80	4 68	5 20	3 90	2 60	.....	2 00	.....
Total		1001	122	1123	19	23	38	280	1776	313	$ 303 90	$ 182 14	$ 191 78	$ 151 10	$ 99 32	$135 11	$ 315 87	$759 08

Raised for Evansville Seminary, $135.11; on Galva claim, $41.16.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE—

Continued

Charge	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CHICAGO DISTRICT											
Chicago, First Church	$ 1 50		$ 111 50		$ 600 00	$ 41 40		1	$ 4000		
" Second Church		$ 2 50	159 77		800 00	133 20	$ 25 00	1	6000	1	$ 2000
" Dearborn St. and South Chicago			91 48		750 05	95 79		2	6500	1	1500
" Humboldt Park			166 98		700 00	108 00	18 00	1	4000	1	3000
" Crawford			41 00		300 00	25 20	28 11	1	3000		
Aurora	26 25			$ 2 50	574 20	64 90		1	5000	1	2000
Evanston					800 00	70 25	50 00	1	8500	1	3500
Harvey and South Englewood			28 51		520 00	59 40		1	2000	1	1400
Melrose Park			83 00		450 00	37 80	8 00	1	3000	1	2000
Glen Ellyn			24 50		284 00	21 60		1	2000	1	2500
St. Charles		2 50	91 50		516 85	78 20		1	4000	1	2000
ELGIN DISTRICT											
Elgin and South Elgin			29 80		660 00	88 00	7 00	2	5800	2	2800
Freeport and Lena	2 86	1 37	30 58	89	533 23	68 03	23 55	1	1500	1	1700
Winnebago and Ridott			20 00		300 00	70 35	8 00	2	2800		
Belvidere and Rockford		1 25	28 00	1 00	425 00	63 03	2 00	1	1500	1	1500
Marengo			3 00		166 60	26 10		1	1500	1	1500
Cary and Algonquin	3 15		12 00		375 00	45 75	14 10	2	2400	1	1000
Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley			24 18		240 00	64 00	5 50	2	1800	1	1200
Sycamore and South Burlington			26 00		656 84	52 00		2	3100	1	1400
Franklin Grove and Ashton			15 00		90 00	17 91	35 00	2	3000	1	700
Dustin			15 00			26 67		1	1000	1	700
Franklin											
Woodstock			26 84		251 07	44 75		1	2500		
PEORIA DISTRICT											
Peoria and Limestone	1 77	10 57	54 36		660 61	94 10	5 75	2	5000	1	2500
East Peoria and Pekin			44 43		400 00	54 80	3 00	2	3500	1	1000
Deer Creek and Bethel			14 00		235 00	34 00					
Fairbury		1 13	27 28		517 00	76 00	16 50	1	2500	1	1500
Streator						6 05					
Deer Park, Alabama		1 48	17 06		73 53	13 00		1	800		
KEWANEE DISTRICT											
Kewanee, Saxon, Galva, Toulon	2 70		24 33		412 30	122 45	40 00	2	4200	1	2000
Sheffield and Atkinson			12 00		350 00	56 75		1	200	1	800
New Bedford and Leon		1 17	13 68		264 30	42 00	12 67	1	1500	1	1000
Knoxville											
Sherrard		1 50	21 37		210 85	32 15		1	1000		
Princeton	2 00		3 38	1 00	94 78	5 00		1	500	1	500
MORRIS DISTRICT											
Morris and Mazon			12 00		438 86	64 00	17 00	2	4200	2	2600
Kempton			20 82		425 00	52 00	35 00	1	1300	1	1000
Total	$40 23	$23 47	$1293 35	$ 5 39	14025 07	$1954 63	$ 354 18	44	$ 99800	29	$ 4530

PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session, held near Fullerton, Nebraska, August 26-30, 1903

OFFICERS

FRANK H. ASHCRAFT, *President.*

C. H. FOE, *Secretary.* J. L. DODGE, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—F. H. Ashcraft, K. Thomas, G. W. Johnston.

On Sabbath-schools—C. H. Foe, B. F. Taylor, S. T. Robinson, A. F. Flint, Ida K. Graham, Rebecca A. Debord, Bertha Hiatt.

On Publications—J. W. Thomas, D. D. Dodge, J. M. Eggers, A. J. Beerey, J. K. Lydic, A. B. Trimble, Ann L. Tarleton.

On Education—N. B. Ghormley, K. Thomas, M. V. Hawk, B. F. Closson, J. Beetem, A. A. Peterson, Ida Hornberger.

On Reforms—B. F. Closson, C. H. Sawyer, George Vogt, David Reck, Charles Vogt, A. Newman, Viola J. Bartles, George Booker.

On State of the Work—K. Thomas, J. W. Thomas.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—D. D. Dodge, Ida Vogt, Laura Elison.

To Receive Conference Collections—K. Thomas.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Raise Funds to Publish the Minutes—B. F. Closson.

To Nominate Trustees for Orleans Seminary—K. Thomas, G. W. Johnston, C. H. Sawyer, A. A. Peterson, A. Newman.

On Resolutions—N. B. Ghormley, B. F. Taylor, C. H. Foe.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

B. F. Closson, president; C. H. Foe, secretary; D. D. Dodge, treasurer; George Vogt, Joseph Beetem.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

D. D. Dodge, five years; C. H. Foe, secretary, four years; J. W. Thomas, three years; B. F. Closson, two years; K. Thomas, president, one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

N. B. Ghormley, president; K. Thomas, secretary; J. W. Edwards, A. Newman, A. J. Beery.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—N. B. Ghormley. On Reforms—D. D. Dodge.

On Publications—J. W. Thomas. On Sabbath-schools—David Reck.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

B. F. Closson, Comstock, Nebraska.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, General Missions; second quarter, Conference Claimants', Preachers Endowment Fund; third quarter, General Super-

intendents' Salary, Orleans' Seminary Emergency Fund, Educational Fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. Mary E. Carpenter, president, Orleans, Nebraska; Mrs. Eliza Thomas, vice president, Orleans, Nebraska; Mrs. S. E. Frederick, recording secretary, Orleans, Nebraska; Miss Eliza Suggs, corresponding secretary, Orleans, Nebraska; Mrs. N. R. Gaddis, treasurer, Orleans, Nebraska.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

K. Thomas, 1896*, B. F. Closson, 1896, C. H. Sawyer, 1896, J. W. Thomas, 1896, S. T. Robinson, 1896, B. F. Taylor, 1896, W. R. Todd, 1896, D. D. Dodge, 1896, J. W. Edwards, 1898, C. H. Foe, 1899, J. M. Eggers, 1901, M. V. Hawk, 1900, David Reck, 1902, J. L. Dodge, 1896, G. W. Johnston, 1898, George Vogt, 1899, G. W. Hayes, 1899, N. B. Ghormley, 1902. A. R. Baxter, 1900, B. B. Orr, 1902, S. S. Cameron, 1903, G. E. Bennett, 1903, G. W. Tinker, 1903,

DELEGATES

A. B. Trimble, A. A. Peterson, G. W. Booker, Ida Hornberger, Ida K. Graham. Charles Vogt, Viola J. Bartles, A. F. Flint, J. K. Lydic, Laura Elison, Rebecca Debord, Joseph Beetem, A. Newman, A. J. Beery, Bertha Hiatt, Ida Vogt, Ann L. Tarleton,

2. Who are the stationing committee? F. H. Ashcraft, K. Thomas, J. M. Eggers, A. Newman, A. A. Peterson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? W. I. Farnham, J. H. Anderson.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? G. E. Bennett, G. W. Tinker, J. L. Dodge.

6. Who are the deacons? M. V. Hawk, G. W. Johnston, George Vogt, A. R. Baxter, S. S. Cameron, B. B. Orr, G. W. Hayes, †G. E. Bennett, †G. W. Tinker.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? S. T. Robinson.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. R. Baxter.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16, 17, 18. 19, 20. See statistical report.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

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†Ordained this year.
*The figures following each name indicate the year of admission into this conference.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Edison, Nebraska; as near the first week in September, 1904, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The eighth session of the conference was held in the fine grove near Fullerton, Nebraska, August 26-30, 1903, in connection with a camp-meeting.

As General Superintendent W. T. Hogue was unable to be present, Rev. F. H. Ashcraft came by his appointment and held the conference, presiding over the business sessions with marked ability, and preaching some interesting and instructive sermons. The conference greatly appreciated Brother Ashcraft's labors and ministry.

Miss Emma Appling held an interesting service in the interest of our foreign mission work and took a collection amounting to $40.

W. W. Bruce, E. Ballenger and R. F. Johnston, all of the Nebraska conference, were present and were abundant in labors, both in preaching and assisting in altar services. The publishing house was represented by R. L. Pickett of Orleans, Nebraska. Over $350 was raised on the camp-ground for various purposes.

The conference was hospitably entertained by the friends of Belgrade district, the people of Fullerton helping liberally in the matter. In response to an invitation from Orleans district the next session of the conference was appointed to be held at Edison, Nebraska, in connection with a camp-meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

ORLEANS DISTRICT—C. H. Foe, District Elder, Orleans, Nebraska.

Orleans.....C. M. Damon, supply, Orleans, Nebraska
Alma and Wilcox.....George Vogt, Alma, "
Bloomington and Republican City.....Rosetta Eckberg, supply, Orleans, "
Precept and Beaver City.....To be supplied
Oxford and Atlanta.....J. H. Brittain, supply, Orleans, Nebraska
Hastings and Fairfield.....B. F. Taylor, Orleans, "
Fairview and Blue Hill.....H. R. Lucore, supply, Blue Hill, "

N. B. Ghormley, principal Orleans Seminary, Orleans, Nebraska; J. W. Edwards, conference evangelist, Orleans, Nebraska; A. R. Baxter, supernumerary, Orleans, Nebraska; J. W. Thomas, conference evangelist, 712 Bancroft street, Omaha, Nebraska.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT—C. H. Foe, District Elder.

Cambridge, Earl and Indianola.....{ J. L. Dodge, Orleans, Nebraska
.....{ J. K. Lydic, supply, Earl, "
Wellfleet and Curtis.....To be supplied
Eddy and Strickland.....Florence McNees, Lucile, Nebraska
Wilsonville and Hudson Pillar.....To be supplied
Edison and Arapahoe.....S. S. Cameron, Edison, Nebraska

BELGRADE DISTRICT—K. Thomas, District Elder, Orleans Nebraska.

Belgrade, Fullerton and Christian Ridge.....J. M. Eggers, Belgrade, Nebraska
Albion and St. Edwards.....C. H. Sawyer, Albion, "
St. Paul and Concrete.....David C. Reck, St. Paul, "
Giltner and Doniphan.....W. I. Farnham, Gilter, "
Central City.....Olive Foe, supply, Central City, "
Stark and Marquette.....G. W. Johnston, Stark, "
Minden and Hartwell.....J. A. Anderson, Marquette, "
Pleasant View and Amity.....G. W. Tinker, Ericson, "

S. T. Robinson, located at his own request, Yutan, Nebraska; Charles Wheeler, local elder, Belgrade, Nebraska.

ANSLEY DISTRICT—K. THOMAS, District Elder.

Ansley and McIntosh schoolhouse.....B. F. Closson, Comstock, Nebraska
Clear Creek and Comstock .....Sarah Bennett, supply, Huxley, "
Zion Hill, Walworth and Almeria..... .....D. D. Dodge, Ansley, "
New Helena, Oxford schoolhouse and Antelope .....G. E. Bennett, Huxley, "
Ravenna, Gibbon and Watson's Ranch.....M. V. Hawk, Ansley, "
North Platte and Hershey..... To be supplied
Lemley and Gandy..... .....P. Jensen, supply, Lemley, Nebraska

W. R. Todd, supernumerary, North Platte, Nebraska.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

The past year has been one of arduous labors, some conflicts and trials, and much blessing and victory. Our work has suffered somewhat on account of the failure of several of our preachers, to either reach their circuits, or remain on them during the year, especially in the northern districts. The long-continued sickness of our beloved elder on the southern districts has probably kept us from that degree of success that would otherwise have been realized.

Five camp-meetings have been held this season, and some excellent revival meetings, resulting in the salvation of some souls, the sanctification of believers and the addition of quite a number to the church. There are two church enterprises under way with very encouraging prospects.

There are some things needful in order to secure greater success in our work of spreading scriptural holiness over the land: First, our preachers need to give themselves entirely to the work, show greater diligence in pastoral visiting, and be more faithful in personal labor.

Second, our circuits should supply a more liberal and adequate support for the preachers. Let our official boards, class leaders and stewards faithfully observe the Discipline in this matter.

Third, two.thirds or more of our territory is entirely unoccupied, and embraces some of the best towns and most prosperous sections of western Nebraska. We therefore recommend that a suitable person be appointed by vote of the conference, on nomination of the stationing committee, to labor as conference missionary, under the direction of the district elders, to extend our work into the new territory.

We feel that this report would be incomplete without reference to some hindrances to our work, which may, by the help of God, be removed or prevented in the future. The woful backsliding of some within the conference has embarrassed and greatly crippled the church in her work. The consideration of this phase of the subject is most unpleasant, but we believe it to be wise and right to calmly face the evil and apply the scriptural remedy. It is not intended to make this report a treatise on the evils and cure of backsliding, but we venture to urge that more earnest heed be given to the scriptural injunction, "Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Amen!

II.—ON REFORMS.

While special reform societies have been raised up from time to time to meet and to overcome the several branches of iniquity which menace the safety and purity of our homes and nation; we acknowledge the appointment of God to the end that a right standard be maintained on every issue that confronts us.

We would recommit ourselves against the pernicious evils of the liquor traffic, the tobacco habit, secret societies, Romanism, Sabbath desecration, and the unscriptural divorce system.

We would again call attention to the baneful influence of evil speaking, although we note some improvement among us in this respect. May we not unite to banish it from our midst? To this end let every pastor see that Mr. Wesley's sermon on evil speaking be read in every society on the circuit according to section 11, paragraph 139 of our Discipline.

We note the serious neglect of many of our members to attend the public worship of God. We urge a regular attendance at our class and prayer meetings; while a general attendance should be had at our quarterly and general quarterly meetings. We disapprove of our preachers refusing to accept the appointments of the stationing committee, after having put themselves at the disposal of the conference; there having been no less than nine changes made in the last year. To the end that our pastors may give themselves wholly to the work of the Lord as set forth in the Discipline, let the official boards, class leaders, stewards, and district elders discharge their duty also as set forth in the Discipline by raising enough to supply their needs.

We feel, too, called upon to sternly rebuke the course of some of our preachers in not

conducting themselves prudently with women, some going so far as to stultify manhood and bring disgrace to the cause of God.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The great influence for good or evil of printed thought is a subject that deserves our earnest and prayerful consideration. Recognizing the importance of this fact we call attention of the public in general and of the members of the Free Methodist church within the bounds of the Platte River conference in particular to the following:

As a church we are well supplied with periodical publications. The official organ of the church should be in every Free Methodist home. We wish, also, to urge upon our people the importance of subscribing for and reading the other periodicals issued by our publishing house. Every Sunday-school ought to be well supplied with our papers and lesson helps; and we recommend that pastors, district elders and evangelists make it a part of their ministerial work to introduce them when possible, where not already in use. We believe the *Missionary Tidings*, in disseminating information concerning our foreign missions, is an influential factor in creating and maintaining a helpful interest in this great branch of the church work. We are pleased to learn of its extensive circulation, which we desire to see still greatly increased, without, as well as within, the church.

The necessity of brevity in this report requires that our reference to the books published and for sale by the Free Methodist publishing house be short; however, we do not wish this to be taken as indicating a lack of appreciation of this important adjunct of our publishing interests. Our homes should be well supplied with wholesome books, as well as periodicals of good moral tone. We wish to again call attention to the choice line of books listed in the catalogue of publications.

We feel that this report would be incomplete without some reference to reading matter which is not issued by our own publishing house. While we do not advise that no outside publications be read, we do believe that prayerful attention ought to be given to their selection. Evidently we are living in an age when there is much of the superficial in religion. This shallowness enters into current literature to a great extent. We do not recommend narrowness in order to avoid shallowness; but we do advise that, in the selection of books and papers which do not have the official endorsement of the church, preference be given to those known to be of a deeply spiritual character.

IV.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

When Robert Raikes first began Sunday-school work, it was to teach those whose religious instruction had been neglected at home; and the Sunday-school should yet be a mission in this respect.

We believe the Home Department work, if properly carried on, would make this mission element more prominent.

We feel deeply the need of a general awakening of interest among our Sunday-school workers in this respect. This need is amply proven by our statistical reports, showing the comparatively few schools we have, and the lack of Free Methodists and their families attending the same. One of the crying needs of our Sunday-school work is reliance upon the Spirit of God, to enable us to teach not only theories, but experimental and practical godliness. The liability of this department of our work falling into the ruts of mere formal routine, should lead us to more fully depend upon the presence and help of the Holy Spirit, who will enable us to teach people the truth that makes them free.

Jesus says, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," and it is said of the Holy Ghost, "Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth." Again, there ought to be more thorough, earnest work both by teacher and scholar in the preparation and teaching of the lesson. Such neglect as exists in our Sabbath-schools would be a disgrace in our public schools. Lord, perfect us in every good work to do thy will.

We suggest that Sunday-school conventions be held in connection with our general quarterly meetings as a means of increasing interest.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

ORLEANS, CAMBRIDGE, BELGRADE AND ANSLEY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ORLEANS DISTRICT	J. W. Edwards, District Elder																	
Orleans	C. M. Damon	70	14	84	4	4	1	12	78	15	$ 21 60	$ 8 24	$ 6 96	$ 8 70	$ 5 80	.....	$ 11 91	$101 65
Alma and Wilcox	J. M. Eggers	22	4	26	..	..	1	7	30	9	6 00	1 60	2 40	3 00	2 00	.....	...	1 01
Precept and Beaver City*	B. B. Orr	17	...	17	..	..	1	8	30	7	4 80	2 88	1 92	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Oxford, Edison and Atlanta	S. S. Cameron, supply	32	12	44	1	..	1	5	31	8	5 70	3 42	2 28	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	17 50
Republican City and Bloomington	A. R. Baxter	8	...	8	..	..	..	....	....	2	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.
Fairfield and Fairview	H. R. Lucore, supply	17	...	17	1	..	1	9	35	7	4 20	2 52	1 68	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	.....
CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT	J. W. Edwards, District Elder																	
Cambridge, Earl and Indianola	J. L. Dodge	16	19	35	3	..	1	7	30	5	1 20	75	50	60	40	$ 30	4 00	1 50
Curtis and Wellfleet	Florence McNees, supply	15	..	15	..	1	..	....	....	2	3 90	2 34	1 56	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	.
Eddy, Strickland and Hayes' Center	George Vogt	15	...	15	.	1	1	8	24	2	6 90	4 14	2 76	3 45	2 30	.....	4 00	.....
Wilsonville	Rosetta Eckberg	10	3	13	1	1	1	5	26	3	2 10	1 26	84	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....
BELGRADE DISTRICT	K. Thomas, District Elder																	
Belgrade, Fullerton, Christian Ridge‡	G. W. Johnston	26	2	28	1	..	1	5	35	11	10 80	5 48	1 30	5 40	3 25	.....	3 40	.....
Albion and Independence	David Reck	10	...	10	..	..	..	....	....	2	2 40	1 44	96	1 20	80	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul, Concrete and Greeley County	C. H. Foe, Olive Foe, supply	23	8	31	..	3	1	4	12	4	3 60	2 16	1 44	1 80	1 20	2 55	1 50	20 10
Giltner and Hastings	J. H. Anderson	12	1	13	1	1	1	5	15	3	4 80	2 88	1 92	2 40	1 60	...	6 00	.....
Marquette and Low Prairie	R. A. Gould	15	3	18	..	..	1	6	23	11	4 50	2 70	1 80	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	...
Central City	K. Thomas	7	3	10	..	..	1	5	20	3	1 80	1 08	72	90	60	1 50	.....	..
ANSLEY DISTRICT	K. Thomas, District Elder																	
Ansley, Elk Creek and Round Grove	B. F. Closson	25	4	29	..	..	2	13	51	8	7 80	4 68	3 12	3 90	2 60	45	6 09	.
Ravenna, Gibbon and Watson's Ranch	C. H. Sawyer	17	..	17	..	2	1	5	20	6	4 50	4 70	1 80	2 25	1 50	.	.....	15 16
Comstock and Lone Elm	G. W. Tinker	16	3	19	1	1	..	....	....	3	6 90	.. ....	2 76	3 45	63	2 14	.....	.....
Sargent and West Union	Sarah B. Bennett, supply	13	..	13	..	2	1	4	15	4	3 60	2 16	1 44	1 80	1 20	...	.....	.....
New Helena and Walworth	G. E. Bennett	10	1	11	..	..	..	....	....	2	3 60	2 16	1 44	1 80	1 20	.	1 36	.....
North Platte and Hershey	W. R. Todd	11	...	11	..	.	1	7	22	2	3 90	4 34	1 56	1 95	1 30	1 00	7 00	.....
Gandy, Lemley and Banner	Peter Jensen, supply	8	...	8	1	..		....	....	3	2 40	1 16	96	1 20	80	....	.....	.....
Collection at conference		..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	2 95	11 75	.....	5 95	5 32	.....	40 00	.....
Total		415	77	492	14	16	18	115	497	122	$122 70	$ 73 62	$ 45 12	$ 61 35	$40 90	$ 7 94	$ 85 26	$156 92

*Seven months. ‡Six months.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ORLEANS DISTRICT											
Orleans	$ 3 62	$ 2 30	$ 34 51		$ 293 50	$ 51 24			$ 100		
Alma and Wilcox	1 00		8 00		248 00	30 00		1	600	1	$ 500
Precept and Beaver City	1 50	1 50	13 32		89 16	26 43		1	700		
Oxford, Edison and Atlanta			12 00	$ 30	272 59	52 00		3	1800		
Republican City and Bloomington											
Fairfield and Fairview		66	5 00		100 00	32 00	16 50	1	300		
CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT											
Cambridge, Earl and Indianola	5 00		6 25		†208 50	33 50	18 50		110		
Curtis and Wellfleet					42 76	8 50					
Eddy, Strickland and Hayes' Center	75	1 15	11 86		242 62	36 78			100		
Wilsonville					69 56	30 00				1	300
BELGRADE DISTRICT											
Belgrade, Fullerton, Christian Ridge			10 42		116 42	54 36		1	500	1	500
Albion and Independence					162 90	25 47	3 00	1	600	1	500
St. Paul, Concrete and Greeley Co.			7 00		168 00	31 07	6 00			1	800
Giltner and Hastings	3 00		16 00		105 50	37 20	29 45			1	300
Marquette and Low Prairie			10 79		257 59	46 33				1	500
Central City			7 00		20 00	24 87		1	1200		
ANSLEY DISTRICT											
Ansley, Elk Creek, Round Grove			6 29		128 60	40 66		1	125		
Ravenna, Gibbon, Watson's Ranch			4 00	1 40	148 00	34 45		1	500	1	200
Comstock and Lone Elm					137 40	17 61		2	200	1	100
Sargent and West Union			2 50		65 00	36 85	8 00				
New Helena and Walworth					24 50	28 18					
North Platte and Hershey					201 30	35 75	3 75				
Gandy, Lemley and Banner						6 39					
Total	$14 87	$ 5 61	$ 151 94	$ 1 70	$3101 90	$ 740 56	$ 85 20	13	$ 6835	9	$ 3700

†From Edison circuit, $31.

KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fourth Annual Session, held at Junction City, Kansas, August 26-30, 1903

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EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

I. N. WATSON, *Secretary.* WILMA E. WATSON, *Assistant Secretary.*

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On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, I. N. Watson, Otto Zimmerman.

On State of the Work—The four district elders.

On Education—M. F. Childs, N. S. Surface, Otto Zimmerman.

On Reforms—Fred Scott, F. A. Root, Job Holliday.

On Publications—W. M. Adams, S. F. Wilson, W. A. Griffin.

On Sabbath-schools—J. W. Norris, William Sines, M. F. Childs.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. M. Adams, M. L. Wilkinson, A. Neil.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Walter Scott, J. L. Austin.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Claimants and Claims—E. P. Hart, M. F. Childs, Fred Scott, N. S. Surface, William Sines.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

Fred Scott, president; I. N. Watson, secretary; M. F. Childs, J. V. Hawkins, William Sines.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

M. F. Childs, president, three years; I. N. Watson, secretary, one year; Fred Scott, two years.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE STUDY AND NORMAL TRAINING

J. W. Norris, president; M. F. Childs, William Sines.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—A. Siebert.

On Reforms—I. N. Watson.

On Publications—F. A. Root.

On Sunday-schools—M. F. Childs.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home and General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents'; third quarter, Conference Claimants'; fourth quarter, Church Extension and Foreign Missions.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. H. Lovejoy,
W. M. Adams,
Walter Scott,
Ollie Price Dexte

S. V. Green,
I. N. Watson,
G. G. Pritchard,
W. E. Huff,

D. M. Poor,
G. W. Saunders,
S. F. Wilson,
M. F. Childs,

M. L. Wilkinson,
Fred Scott,
I. D. Pembleton,
Luke Scripter,

PREACHERS—Continued

G. I. Winans, S. R. Sayre, A. S. Ford, A. Siebert, C. L. Fike, A. Neil, W. W. Harris, J. L. Phillippi, F. R. Cline, J. T. Merry, J. W. Norris, G. M. Cameron,* F. A. Root, William Buchana, Otto Zimmerman, J. G. Bignall, E. A. Sayre, L. M. Tinker.

DELEGATES

M. Kibler, Elizabeth Miller, A. Elam, Mrs. M. E. Hulet, L. J. Tuttle, J. V. Hawkins, John Myers, J. W. Thoroman, William Sines, Mary E. Huges, N. S. Surface, Alice Evans, Lucinda Byford, O. M. Howard, Mrs. S. J. Lawrence, Isom Lindley, R. C. Redway, Mrs. Josie Scott, Aaron Criss, Job Holliday, Nellie M. Winans, H. D. Kelley, Mrs. L. Birnbaum, H. Brown, J. L. Austin, H. Sechrist, W. A. Griffin, John Fridley, Ora Smith, J. W. Myer.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, Fred Scott, G. I. Winans, M. F. Childs, I. N. Watson, N. S. Surface, William Sines, M. Kibler, R. C. Redway.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. L. Manning, E. C. Lindley, J. T. Bivins, C. W. Mendenhall.

4. Who remain on trial? G. R. Guy, J. B. Walrafen, H. S. Dye, W. S. Place, J. A. Chaney, E. R. Ford.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? L. M. Tinker, J. T. Merry. C. L. Fike, William Buchana.

6. Who are the deacons? G. M. Cameron, J. G. Bignall, A. S. Ford, J. L. Phillippi, F. A. Root, A. Siebert, F. R. Cline, *William Buchana, *C. L. Fike, *L. M. Tinker, *H. D. Kelley (local), *W. J. Ward (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? T. M. Hardy (local), E. W. Howard (local).

8. Who have located this year? W. E. Huff, G. M. Cameron.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? M. L. Wilkinson.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? C. H. Lovejoy, S. V. Green, D. M. Poor, G. W. Saunders, G. G. Pritchard, W. W. Harris.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? W. W. Harris, an ordained elder from the Nebraska conference; F. R. Cline, an ordained deacon from the West Kansas conference; C. L. Manning, having been admitted on trial in the West Kansas conference was admitted in the same relation in this conference.

12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? S. R. Sayre and E. A. Sayre to the Columbia River conference; W. M. Adams to the West Iowa conference; Luke Scripter to the Iowa conference; J. T. Merry to the Illinois conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16-20, 23. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Martha Robbins and children, $75; J. W Buckner's children, providing they are received into the Woodstock Home, $30; G. G. Pritchard, $90; W. W. Harris, $140. Total, $335.

*Ordained this year.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Emporia, Kansas, as near the last Wednesday in August, 1904, as the superintendents can arrange.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-fourth session of the Kansas annual conference was held on the camp-ground near Junction City, Kansas, August 26–30, 1903. General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided with skill and impartiality. The conference voted to give the last fifteen minutes of each sitttng to the superintendent to address the conference. The instructions given were timely, appropriate, fatherly and godly, uplifting and strengthening.

Adam Lenkerd of the Pittsburg conference was present and represented the publishing house. He preached a missionary sermon Sunday afternoon which was followed by an earnest exhortation by Sister Hart after which a collection of over fifty dollars was taken.

The W. F. M. S. raised over $300 the past year. Their officers for the coming year are: Mrs. Clara Childs, president, Winfield, Kansas; Miss Wilma E. Watson, recording secretary, Eudora, Kansas, R. R. No. 1; Mrs. Mary E. Fear, corresponding secretary, Minneapolis, Kansas, R. F. D., No. 2; Miss Fanny T. Martin, treasurer, Ottawa, Kansas.

A sufficient amount, $46.25, was raised Sunday morning to pay all deficiencies in conference claims. Over $300 was raised for different purposes during the camp-meeting and conference.

J. A. Manning of the Kentucky and Tennessee conference, C. L. Crumley of the Central Illinois conference, and Joseph Westwood of the West Kansas conference, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

Two tabernacles and fifty-one tents, in which were about 300 persons, were pitched on the ground; besides there were eight covered wagons. A goodly number were saved and sanctified. The preachers received their appointments cheerfully and are going forth in the name of the Lord of hosts for souls and victory.

APPOINTMENTS

CLAY CENTER DISTRICT—I. N. Watson, District Elder, Eudora, Kansas, R. F. D., No. 1.

Clay Center and Riverdale.....A. Neil, Clay Center, Kansas
Oakhill, Wide Range and Greenridge.....Charles N. Root, supply, Oakhill, "
Solomon and Cox schoolhouse.....J. E. Bignall, Solomon, "
Concord Center and Sand Creek schoolhouse.....
.....Mary E. Fear, supply, Minneapolis, R. F. D., No. 2, "
Minneapolis, Ada and Pawnee Gap.....M. M. Root, supply, Mentor, R. F. D., "
Chapelhill, Gypsum and Dry Creek.....J. W. Harris, Gypsum, "
Junction City and Moonlight.....F. R. Cline, Junction City, "

Otto Zimmerman, evangelist, Junction City, Kansas; W. E. Huff, given certificate of location at his own request.

BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT—I. N. Watson, District Elder.

Washington, Spring Valley and Hawkeye.....C. W. Mendenhall, Washington, Kansas
Alma and Manhattan.....L. M. Tinker, Alma, "
Barrett, Antioch and Walker schoolhouse.....F. A. Root, Barrett, "

W. M. Adams, given certificate of standing with view to transfer.

EMPORIA DISTRICT—G. I. Winans, District Elder, Reading, Kansas, R. F. D., No. 2.

Emporia.....Walter Scott, 8 State street, Emporia, Kansas
Union schoolhouse and Americus.....Nellie M. Winans, Reading, R. F. D., No. 2, "

Neosho Rapids, Burlington and Olivet.....W. Buchana, Neosho Rapids, Kansas
Eureka, Utopia and Lapland.....To be supplied

G. W. Saunders, superannuated, Marceline, Missouri; Luke Scripter, given certificate of standing with view to transfer.

FORT SCOTT DISTRICT—G. I. WINANS, District Elder,

Girard, Yale and Weir City .....Pearl and Cora Richardson, supplies, Girard, Kansas
Altamont, Montana, Liberty and Parsons.....E. C. Lindley, Montana, "
Iola and Neosho Falls .....J. L. Phillippi, Iola, "
Pittsburg Mission.....Mark Whitney, supply, Pittsburg, "
Bronson and Logan schoolhouse.....H. R. K. Miller, supply, Bronson, "
Lacygne and Star Valley.....To be supplied
Columbus..... I. D. Pembleton, Columbus, Kansas

G. G. Pritchard, superannuated, Lacygne, Kansas; S. V. Green, superannuated; Ollie Price Dexter, left without appointment; M. L. Wilkinson, supernumerary, Lacygne, Kansas; J. T. Merry, given certificate of standing with view to transfer.

WICHITA DISTRICT—M. F. CHILDS, District Elder, Winfield, Kansas.

Wichita Mission....J. T. Bivins. Minnie Bivins, supply, 1045 North Mead, Wichita, Kansas
Arkansas City.....Fred Scott, 604 North Fifth street, Arkansas City,
Caldwell, Doster and Conway Springs.....G. R. Guy, Caldwell, "
Rose Hill and Latham.....H. D. Kelley, supply, Latham, "
Winfield.....E. R. Ford, Winfield, "

G. M. Cameron, located according to Discipline, Chapter VII., ¶ 83 and ¶ 84; D. M. Poor, superannuated.

MARION DISTRICT—M. F. CHILDS, District Elder.

Marion and Clark schoolhouse .....John Fridley, supply, Marion, Kansas
McPherson and Lookout.....W. J. Ward, supply, McPherson, "
Walton, Cedar Creek and Peabody .....Eunice Cougal and Ada Hubbard, supplies
Matfield Green and Wansevu .....John B. Walrafen, Matfield Green, Kansas

S. R. Sayre, given certificate of standing with view to transfer.

LAWRENCE DISTRICT—S. F. WILSON, District Elder.

Lawrence..... C. L. Manning, Lawrence, Kansas
Kansas City, Kansas.....C. L. Fike, 2602 Hallock street, Kansas City, "
Leavenworth Mission.....O. M. Howard, Leavenworth, "
Topeka.....H. S. Dye, 626 Lake street, Topeka, "
Meriden.....To be supplied
Harmony and Old Union.....A. S. Ford, Baldwin, R. F. D., Kansas
Ottawa and Paola.....Fanny Martin, supply, Ottawa, "
Richmond and Greeley.....W. S. Place, Richmond, "
Agricola and Glenwood.....J. A. Chaney. Agricola, "
Lindon, Vassar, Michigan, Scranton and Fairview.....A. Siebert, N. S. Surface, supply

C. H. Lovejoy, W. W. Harris, superannuated.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The cultivation of the habit of reading is to be commended; its universality affords gratification. The regulation of this habit so that it will take a proper trend and be a blessing instead of a curse is one of the most serious problems that can engage our consideration. If the tendency of one's appetite in this direction is degrading it ought to be brought into subjection and purified, and so trained that there will be no taste for anything that is not uplifting and refining. To do this the individual must be taught to recoil from all that is dissipating or vitiating, and to find an affinity for only that which will add strength to the moral and spiritual elements of our being. A proper demand having been created, it is the office of publications to minister to its cravings and by daily and weekly newspapers, monthly magazines and an endless variety of booklets and books to infuse into the absorbent powers of our intellect and soul that thought and truth that will give the expansion, solidity, strength and symmetry necessary to develop the individual into the full stature of a man in Christ Jesus.

The multiplicity of devices through which efforts are made to introduce into our house-

holds, our public schools, our literary associations, and even our Sunday-schools and sacred worship, that which entertains but does not profit, that which is carnal, sensuous or degrading, demands a jealous watchfulness on the part of those who are guardians of these institutions. They should prohibit all reading that will not exert a positive influence for good upon the reader.

With deep satisfaction we record our high appreciation of the wise and vigorous efforts our church is making to contribute publications that meet the emergency of the hour. In the *Free Methodist*, the Sunday-school and missionary literature, and the books that are issued by our publishing house, we have productions which are entirely free from objectionable features and which overflow with inspiration to purity of life and character. We are convinced that the operations of our church are altogether too contracted, and respectfully suggest to those who have means that there is no more efficient method of investing their contemplated contributions to the cause of God than in the multiplication of facilities for the dissemination of healthful literature, and would commend to their attention the propriety of increasing the ability of the church to cheapen and multiply its unexcelled publications.

We note with unqualified condemnation the habit of some of our people in diverting to other publications the money they pay out for religious reading. It is almost impossible to find a publication—though it may have some excellent features—but what will instil errors into the mind that will affect the experience, inculcate looseness of practice and disloyalty to the church. We assure such that they are injuring themselves and families and compromising their influence in behalf of evangelical righteousness in the community where they live. We affectionately exhort them to reform and become consistent with the obligations they have taken to the church and to God.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

The education of a child is three-fold—physical, mental and spiritual. These all need proper cultivation and development. The neglect of either will weaken the man; or the cultivation of one to the neglect of the others will be to fail in the developing of a well-rounded manhood or womanhood. Developing the physical only, man becomes simply an animal, governed by selfishness and brute force. Developing the mental only, man becomes a learned nonentity, not having force or balance. Should he cultivate the mental and physical and neglect the spiritual, he would become a successful criminal, able to carry out the shrewdest designs for self-gratification and self-interest. By developing the spiritual and physical a man may become a dangerous bigot or fanatic capable of doing much harm and but little good. The whole man should have proper training. 1. The spiritual. 2. The physical. 3. The mental.

Proper spiritual training should commence very early in life and should continue to its close. The first lesson should be respect and honor for parental authority and a quick, willing obedience to the same; then proper reverence for God and all that pertains to him or his worship in the home, or the public congregation; then the attaining of a personal experience in the mercy and love of God. The physical training should begin in early childhood and continue more or less through life. The mental may commence later but still should commence early in life. The mental and spiritual training should continue together and all mental training should be in harmony with the spiritual. Parents should feel their responsibility in securing for their children the very best conditions or surroundings for a mental training that will not in any way interfere with their spiritual life. The parent better by far leave his child penniless with his or her spiritual and mental faculties properly cultivated, than leave them thousands without this.

Many of the free schools of the country are morally degrading and would be much more expensive than any of our schools when the value of the soul is taken into account; therefore, we would urge our people to send their children to some of our schools, even though it may be a little more expensive. Present expense should not be taken into account when the soul is at stake. We would especially recommend that our people in Kansas patronize the Orleans Seminary, located at Orleans, Nebraska. We would also recommend that this conference assist in the raising of an endowment fund for the Orleans Seminary.

We, as a conference, wish to enter our protest against, and urge our college and all our seminaries to discourage all unnecessary expenses in connection with commencement exercises, especially the wholly unnecessary expense of the banquet so commonly given. Everything should be consistent with simplicity and strict economy and in harmony with the gospel of Jesus. We want our schools to do all the excellent work done by other schools without any of the show common to worldly institutions of learning. Let earnest prayer be offered in every home for the officers and teachers of our schools that they may be men and women of God and true to our principles on every line.

III.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We believe the Sunday-school is simply the church studying and teaching the word of God, and stands in the same relation to the church as the prayer or class meeting, that is,

it is only one form of church activity, and not a separate organization. Hence it should be under the control of the church as much as any other service.

The Bible is the ground work of the Christ-life in the souls of men if wielded by the Holy Ghost (the word of God being the sword of the Spirit); therefore, the officers and teachers should be intensely spiritual, being baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire.

We also wish to commend our Sunday-school papers as being far more spiritual than any others with which we are acquainted.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

As an annual conference we are still determined to be right, and to do right at the cost of all; to stand on God's side of all questions and be in the vanguard of all reforms.

The Sabbath Question.—Many strange complications confront us at this point and plead for our support and sympathy. The pleasure party, visiting party, excursion party, the railroad, the street car, the milk route, cheese factory, creamery, the Sunday newspaper, and many other strange complications plead for our liberality and endorsement. But we are fully resolved to give them no quarters, but do all in our power to discourage and discountenance every form of Sabbath desecration.

The Liquor Traffic.—We hear the cries of 260,000 quivering, bleeding, broken hearts, the awful wailing of 260,000 souls who annually fill a drunkard's hell.

We declare that a traffic responsible for idleness, poverty, pauperism. desolate homes, deserted wives, blasted hopes, broken hearted mothers, helpless orphan children, vice, crime, blood, anarchy, and blackness beyond all description, can fine no shade of support among us. We stand solid, first, last, and all the time for positive, clean prohibition—that means to vote the third party Prohibition ticket.

Romanism.—We believe Romanism to be a great system of idolatry, "the mother of harlots," baptized with the blood of martyrs and thirsty for the destruction of true Protestantism. Her only aim is self-aggrandizement. Her pretended friendship and patriotism is only a hollow mockery to accomplish her end. We declare ourselves again to be emphatically opposed to the whole scheme of Romanism.

Secretism.—We firmly believe secret societies to be a most deadly foe to our "holy religion." The Farmer's Alliance, the G. A. R., and Labor Unions as far as we know them are all secret societies. As a conference we are determined to strictly enforce our Discipline, and give no encouragement at all to any society where secrecy is connected with the organization. Neither will we knowingly invite ministers to fill our appointments who are known to be members of any of the secret, Christ-ignoring fraternities.

Tobacco.—We believe the use of tobacco to be a bad, useless, unchristian habit; a sinful waste of money and energy, detrimental to health and good morals; a most filthy, degrading, unchristian practice. It corrupts all who use it, disqualifies them for social life, and may close the gates of heaven against many. We most emphatically enter our protest against its use in any form.

Dress.—A plain, clean cut separation for God is our motto. We believe the wearing of neckties, gold watches, and gold-rimmed spectacles tends to worldliness, is out of harmony with the spirit of our Discipline and inconsistent with our doctrine and teaching on plainness. We request and sincerely hope that our people will not wear them. We also believe it to be the duty of Free Methodist parents to hold their children to the line of plainness of dress while under their care and control.

Marriage and Divorce.—General disregard for the marriage vow with an increasing demand for divorce for mere trifles is fast sapping the life and foundation from society, church and home. We vigorously urge all our people and preachers to do their full duty and hold fast to our good old Discipline on this question.

Public Worship.—Indifference is the spirit of the age. A failure to attend the quarterly conference, camp-meeting, public means of grace in general, and to keep up the old-fashioned, regular class-meeting is very noticeable among us. Indifference, laziness and worldly greed seem to be the cause. This is a serious departing from the "ancient landmark." We must urge our people to greater activity in this respect, or the devil will get them sure. Dislike for the preacher, or dissatisfaction with the administration will never justify us in neglecting the means of grace.

Spirituality.—The greatest of all needs is deep spirituality. It will take more than paper resolutions on annual conference records to remedy all our failures and get us right where God wants us, start us going right and keep us right all the time. By far the greatest need of all needs is a real, genuine, deep work of grace in the heart. If we keep filled with the Spirit in the full enjoyment of entire sanctification and keep to the New Testament standard in our preaching, teaching and testimonies, we have nothing to fear from Sabbath desecration, liquor traffic, Romanism, secrecy, tobacco, dress, divorce and all the combinations of evil together. But without this most blessed experience and only fortification, we are hopelessly and helplessly exposed to all forms and combinations of evil and worldliness, and the cruel ravages of sin, the world and the devil. We therefore most heartily recommend to all our people a deeper baptism of the Holy Spirit as the only and sufficient remedy and cure for all.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE

CLAY CENTER, BLUE VALLEY, FORT SCOTT AND EMPORIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
CLAY CENTER DISTRICT	I. N. Watson, District Elder																	
Clay Center and Riverdale	J. L. Phillippi	24	1	25	1	1	1	5	30	7	$ 6 90	$ 4 14	$ 2 30	$ 3 45	$ 2 30	...	...	...
Oak Hill and Wide Range	L. M. Tinker	29	1	30	2		2	5	34	5	8 70	5 22	2 90	4 35	2 90	...	...	...
Solomon and Cox schoolhouse	J. G Bignall	35	...	35	..	1	1	10	25	9	10 80	6 48	4 00	5 40	3 60	...	$ 1 92	...
Concord Center and Bennington	Mary E. Fear, supply	32	12	44	..	1	1	10	32	10	8 83	5 40	3 60	4 50	3 60	...	7 52	$ 30 21
Minneapolis, Ada and Pawnee Gap	M. M. Root	17	..	17	..	..	1	...	...	3	6 00	3 60	2 00	3 00	...	...	...	...
Chapel Hill, Gypsum and Dry Creek	J. W. Norris	17	2	19	1	..	..	...	...	2	5 10	3 06	1 70	2 55	1 70	...	...	...
Junction City and Moonlight	Otto Zimmerman	20	11	31	2	..	1	8	35	5	5 10	3 06	1 70	2 55	1 70	...	18 57	21 00
BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT	I. N. Watson, District Elder																	
Washington, Spring Valley, Hawkeye	W. M. Adams	20	...	20	..	..	1	6	28	6	4 80	2 86	1 60	2 40	1 60	...	...	16 40
Alma and Manhattan	A. Neil	26	1	27	2		1	5	22	7	10 20	6 12	3 40	5 10	3 40	...	7 00	...
Barrett, Antioch, Walker schoolhouse	F. A. Root	36	4	40	1	..	4	19	160	6	12 30	7 38	4 10	6 15	4 10	...	5 00	11 16
FORT SCOTT DISTRICT	G. I. Winans, District Elder																	
Girard and Yale	T. J. Hafley	16	3	19	1	1	1	6	30	3	4 00	3 00	1 0	1 00	1 00	...	...	...
Scammon and Weir City		...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Montana, Altamont and Liberty	P. J. Bentley	15	..	15	1	..	..	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iola	J. T. Merry	24	2	26	1	3	1	8	38	10	7 80	4 68	3 90	...	2 60	...	1 00	11 00
Pittsburg	Mark Whitney	6	4	10	1	..	2	14	75	4	1 20	72	...	60	48	...	...	...
Bronson, Logan S. H. and Walnut Hill	E. C. Lindley	8	...	8	1	..		...	...	3	2 40	1 44	80	1 20	80	...	...	...
Lacygne and Star Valley	M. L. Wilkinson	2	...	2	..	..	..	...	...	3	1 80	1 08	...	90	60	...	...	...
EMPORIA DISTRICT	G. I. Winans, District Elder																	
Emporia	Walter Scott	58	9	67	1	3	1	11	61	10	17 10	10 26	...	8 55	5 70	...	15 00	59 00
Union schoolhouse and Americus	L. Scripter	26	...	26	1	..	1	5	...	5	7 20	4 24	...	3 60	2 40	...	...	...
Eureka, Utopia and Lapland	E. Roscoe Ford	17	1	18	..	1	..	...	...	4	6 10	2 52	...	2 10	1 40	...	5 00	7 50
Neosho Rapids and Burlington	William Buchanan	23	1	24	2	..	2	8	42	4	5 10	3 06	...	1 65	1 10	...	2 00	...

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WICHITA, MARION, LAWRENCE AND OTTAWA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
WICHITA DISTRICT	M. F. Childs, District Elder																	
Wichita Mission	G. R. Guy	10	2	12	..	..	1	6	25	2	$ 3 90	$ 2 34	$ 1 30	$ 1 95	$ 1 30	....	.....	.....
Wichita circuit	E. G. Cooper	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas City	Job Holliday	22	1	23	2	2	1	8	50	6	5 75	4 10	82	.....	.....	3 45	.....	$ 39 40
Caldwell, Argonia and Doster	W. J. Ward	15	12	27	..	..	..	....	....	5	3 90	2 34	1 30	1 95	1 30	.....	$ 2 00	.....
Latham	H. D. Kelley	11	...	11	..	..	..	....	....	3	2 10	1 30	90	1 10	86	.....	.....	.....
Rose Hill and Greenwich	J. T. Bivins	5	...	5		1	1	3	10	3	3 90	2 39	1 30	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	25 56
Winfield	I. D. Pembleton	20	3	23	1	..	1	5	20	4	4 29	1 95	1 20	1 80	1 20	1 60	.....	.....
MARION DISTRICT	M. F. Childs, District Elder																	
Marion and Clark schoolhouse	S. R. Sayre	19	..	19	..	..	1	5	16	7	6 30	3 78	2 10	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....
McPherson	H. S. Dye	13	1	14	..	..	1	5	24	6	3 60	3 06	1 20	1 80	30	.....	8 40	.....
Marquette, Point Lookout, Fairview	Charles Lowe	9	1	10	..	..	1	5	25	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	... ..	.....	.....
Walton and Cedar Creek		11	..	11	..	..	1	4	8	1	3 90	2 34	.....	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	. .
Matfield Green and Wansevu	J. B. Walrafen	16	1	17	1	..	1	3	25	7	5 40	3 70	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	10 00
LAWRENCE DISTRICT	Fred Scott, District Elder																	
Lawrence	Fanny T. Martin, supply	13	3	16	2	..	1	5	25	2	3 90	2 35	1 30	1 95	1 30	.....	1 90	6 57
Kansas City	C. L. Fike	20	6	26	4	..	2	10	55	4	3 90	2 34	1 30	1 98	1 30	.....	1 00	2 25
Leavenworth Mission	O. M. Howard	10	2	12	2	..	1	4	28	4	2 40	1 44	80	1 20	80	....	.. ....	.....
Topeka	E. R. Sayre	31	8	39	2	1	1	10	46	5	8 10	4 86	2 00	4 05	2 70	.....	3 95	.....
Meriden	C. W. Mendenhall	4	...	4	..	..	..	....	....	2	1 20	72	.....	40	38	.....	60	.....
Atchison		....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
OTTAWA DISTRICT	Fred Scott, District Elder																	
Harmony and Old Union	A. S. Ford	31	4	35	1	2	1	8	58	12	8 70	5 22	2 90	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	25 00
Ottawa, Richland and Greeley	S. F. Wilson	27	2	29		..	2	12	80	8	9 60	5 66	3 20	4 80	3 20	.....	4 80	....
Agricola and Glenwood	W. S. Place	28	2	30	..		1	6	20	9	8 40	5 20	2 90	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	5 00
Scranton and Osage City		9	9	18	..	..	1	6	18	1	30	18	10	15	10	.....	.....	.....
Lyon schoolhouse, Michigan, Vassar	A. Siebert	18	...	18	1	1	..	....	....	6	7 23	3 78	2 10	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Total		793	109	902	34	18	40	225	1145	212	$ 223 20	$ 138 37	$ 61 42	$ 103 78	$ 68 82	$ 5 05	$ 85 65	$219 99

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE—Continued

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CLAY CENTER DISTRICT											
Clay Center and Riverdale			$ 11 45	$ 40	$ 207 60	$ 35 00		1	$ 850	1	$ 350
Oak Hill and Wide Range			18 00		130 00	25 55				1	500
Solomon and Cox schoolhouse		$ 3 13	16 24	1 32	347 92	45 98	$ 14 75	1	200	1	500
Concord Center and Bennington			16 26		127 71	40 00	35 22	1	800		
Minneapolis, Ada and Pawnee Gap					15 99	25 00		1	1000		
Chapel Hill, Gypsum, Dry Creek					186 73	35 00				1	250
Junction City and Moonlight			15 00	25	423 00	49 64	39 70	1	450	1	700
BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT											
Washington, Spring Valley and Hawkeye	$ 1 00	2 61	12 36		332 92	28 44	2 08	1	800	1	500
Alma and Manhattan			7 33		272 00	30 75	30 00			1	600
Barrett, Antioch, Walker S. H.		1 03	21 00		380 00	46 12	18 00			1	300
FORT SCOTT DISTRICT											
Girard and Yale			15 44		120 00	32 31	8 80	1	350		
Scammon and Weir City											
Montana, Altamont and Liberty					142 28	20 45				1	400
Iola		2 00	21 50		370 99	50 60				1	1000
Pittsburg			13 75	3 00	151 78	23 70					
Bronson, Logan S. H., Walnut Hill					147 00	29 95				1	200
Lacygne and Star Valley			92		3 00	25 00					
EMPORIA DISTRICT											
Emporia	1 60	2 00	54 42	25	338 45	55 56	35 40	1	1000	1	500
Union schoolhouse and Americus			7 50		165 00	32 00				1	400
Eureka, Utopia and Lapland					101 00	24 21	4 00				
Neosho Rapids and Burlington			10 50		81 26	20 00		1	800	1	200
WICHITA DISTRICT											
Wichita Mission			12 00		$ 272 00	29 15		1	1000	1	800
Wichita circuit											
Arkansas City		$ 2 45	35 90		240 14	40 59	20 18	1	825	1	400
Caldwell, Argonia and Doster	2 00	3 31	12 00	1 00	225 00	35 00		1	300	1	250
Latham					161 50	23 30	17 67				
Rose Hill and Greenwich			3 25		223 25	24 00					
Winfield			8 14		300 00	45 81					
MARION DISTRICT											
Marion and Clark schoolhouse			11 00		128 21	32 05		1	1000	1	500
McPherson		32	11 00		178 00	38 50	22 61	1	250	1	400
Marquette, Point Lookout, Fairview					31 00	21 92	23 00				
Walton and Cedar Creek					15 25						
Matfield Green and Wanseyu		2 30	5 00		162 40	33 00	11 14			1	800
LAWRENCE DISTRICT											
Lawrence		1 00	18 89		176 52	43 20	25 67	1	900		
Kansas City	18	55	20 00		260 00	35 13		1	440		
Leavenworth Mission			8 25	2 50	213 53	8 85					
Topeka			45 45		201 94	50 00	26 49	1	1100	1	600
Meriden					10 25	5 00					
Atchison											
OTTAWA DISTRICT											
Harmony and Old Union		4 50	13 00		215 00	63 57	6 00	1	1000	1	460
Ottawa, Richland and Greeley					369 20	42 25	40 32	1	300	1	150
Agricola and Glenwood			14 00		275 00	45 00	25 00	1	400	1	400
Scranton and Osage City			3 02		17 20		25 00	1	500		
Lyon S. H., Madison and Vassar	50	53	6 00	50	239 49	50 57	11 57				
Total	$ 4 28	$25 73	$ 468 57	$ 9 22	$7950 47	$1342 15	$ 442 60	21	$ 14265	24	$ 11160

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-first Annual Session, held at Ashburn, Missouri, September 9-13, 1903

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

L. B. REBER, *Secretary.* CHANDOS SMUTZ, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. S. STEPHENS, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, L. B. Reber.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Sunday-schools—A. Stokesberry, L. True, C. Stall.
On Publications—R. Medlock, Shirley Smutz, S. M. Alexander.
On Education—F. N. Ahern, Shirley Smutz, F. F. Fosket.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Shirley Smutz.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—F. F. Foskett.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Shirley Smutz, W. H. Austin, L. B. Reber.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE MISSIONS

L. B. Reber, president; Shirley Smutz, secretary; W. S. Stephens, treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

Shirley Smutz, F. F. Fosket, W. H. Austin, Leslie True, C. Stall.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

L. B. Reber,	A. Stokesberry,	W. H. Austin,	R. Medlock,
Chandos Smutz,	H. H. Sperry,	Shirley Smutz,	A. D. Sprouse,
Leslie True,	C. G. Cox,	F. N. Ahern,	E. G. Cooper.

DELEGATES

W. S. Stephens,	H. Heinberg,	F. F. Fosket,	G. B. Chase,
C. Stall,	Delphe Boatwright.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, L. B. Reber, W. S. Stephens.

3, 4. None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? F. N. Ahern.

6. Who are the deacons? H. H. Sperry, A. D. Sprouse, Chandos Smutz, A. Stokesberry, F. N. Ahern.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? R. Medlock.

8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. G. Cox, E. G. Cooper.

10, 11. None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? William Vimont.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? C. G. Cox.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16–23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Green City, Missouri, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1904, as may suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was held in connection with a tabernacle meeting and was well attended. Several were saved or sanctified, and the services were characterized by a goodly degree of spiritual power. The people of Ashburn entertained the conference in a very hospitable manner.

The president's addresses to the conference were deeply interesting and very much appreciated. Rev. G. Bradfield of the Illinois conference was present in the interest of the publishing house, which he represented in an able manner. He also preached three times.

Rev. W. S. Ballenger of the North Dakota conference, was present and preached several times.

F. N. Ahern was ordained deacon and Robert Medlock was ordained elder.

About $43 was raised for expenses and deficit in conference collections.

APPOINTMENTS

BURLINGTON JUNCTION DISTRICT—Shirley Smutz, District Elder.

Burlington Junction and High Prairie ..... F. N. Ahern
Mt. Zion and Mound City ..... W. H. Austin

A. D. Sprouse, left without appointment to attend school; C. G. Cox, granted a certificate of transfer to the West Iowa conference.

BETHANY DISTRICT—Shirley Smutz, District Elder.

Bethany and Sharon Chapel ..... To be supplied
Albany ..... J. Alexander, supply
Mercer ..... R. Medlock
Osgood and Harris ..... S. L. Crouch, supply
Pollock and Mt. Vernon ..... S. M. Alexander and F. Smutz, supplies
Chillicothe and Sumner ..... J. R. Bales, supply
Higginsville and Hazel Dell ..... William Kenyon, supply

E. G. Cooper, supernumerary.

GREEN CITY DISTRICT—L. B. Reber, District Elder.

Green City and Mt. Olive ..... Chandos Smutz
College Mound ..... To be supplied
Luray and Center Chapel ..... A. Stokesberry

HANNIBAL DISTRICT—L. B. Reber, District Elder.

Hannibal ..... L. True; Olive M. True, supply
Ashburn and Winfield ..... To be supplied
Wilson Chapel and Gibson schoolhouse ..... W. N. Hopkins, supply
Rhineland and Pleasant Hill ..... H. H. Sperry

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

No doubt one of the strongest means for promulgating the pure doctrines of the Bible is that of the press, and since it is our desire to spread scriptural holiness over these lands we would recommend those periodicals published by our own beloved church. Much of the so-called holiness literature of to-day we deem unfit to be read, especially by those seeking light, as it is tainted with the spirit of worldliness, come-out-ism, and is productive of unsound theories respecting the doctrines of Christianity. Doubtless many are gone astray who would to-day be enjoying the blessing of full salvation had wholesome literature been read by them in the beginning.

With these facts confronting us let us endeavor to place the FREE METHODIST and the various books sold by our publishing house in as many homes as possible. And as childhood is the time in which to impress upon the mind and heart the truths of salvation, let us be careful to place our Sunday-school literature in all our Sunday-schools that we may by this means save some.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sub'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BURLINGTON JUNCTION DISTRICT											
High Prairie, Mt. Zion, Mound City	....	.....	$ 14 80	....	*$269 15	$ 39 45	.....	3	$ 2100	2	$ 700
BETHANY DISTRICT											
Bethany and Sharon Chapel	....	....	.....	.....	100 00	29 75	$ 57 00	1	700	1	200
Albany	....	....	.....	....	45 00	17 05	.....	1	1800	1	700
Mercer and Mt. Vernon	.....	....	17 10	.....	244 19	35 00	23 00	1	700	1	300
Osgood and Harris	.....	....	.....	$ 1 00	196 58	32 65	20 05	1	850	1	250
Chillicothe	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	50 00	1	1000	1	500
Higginsville and Pleasant Hill	....	.....	10 00	3 70	† 80 00	5 00	7 00		.....	..	.....
GREEN CITY DISTRICT											
College Mound	.....	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	1	150	1	500
Center Chapel and Acasto	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 10	26 94	..	.....	..	.....
Marcellim and Browning	...	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Green City and Mt. Olive	.....	.....	5 08	....	288 78	32 29	3 50	..	.....	1	500
HANNIBAL DISTRICT											
Hannibal and Ashburn	$ 2 55	$ 2 55	41 00	.....	350 00	48 50	17 90	2	1500	2	1000
Winfield and Wilson Chapel	.....	....	.....	.....	60 00	3 00	.....	1	400	1	100
Rhineland and Riverview	80	....	9 63		171 35	25 85	2 40	1	500	1	200
Total	$ 3 35	$ 2 55	$ 97 61	$ 4 70	$1805 05	$ 302 64	$ 207 79	13	$ 9700	13	$ 4950

*Of this amouut William Kenyon received $69.15.

†Of this amount Leslie True received $46.00.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

BURLINGTON JUNCTION, BETHANY, GREEN CITY AND HANNIBAL DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
BURLINGTON JUNCTION DISTRICT	L. B. Reber, District Elder																	
High Prairie, Mt. Zion, Mound City	W. H. Austin	35	5	40	5	..	1	6	40	6	$ 9 60	$ 5 76	.....	$ 3 80	$ 3 20	.....	$ 1 05	.....
BETHANY DISTRICT	L. B. Reber, District Elder																	
Bethany and Sharon Chapel	M. C. Paul	16	6	22	1	..	1	6	45	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Albany	W. Vimont	8	...	8	1	..	..	....	....	2	4 40	1 44	.....	1 20	86	.....	.....	.....
Mercer and Mt. Vernon	R. Medlock	35	8	43	1	..	2	10	60	8	10 50	6 30	.....	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	.....
Osgood and Harris	F. N. Ahern	19	...	19	2	..	..	....	....	7	6 60	3 96	$ 3 30	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	.....
Chillicothe	L. B. Reber	6	...	6	1	..	..	....	....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Higginsville and Pleasant Hill	James Alexander	10	..	10	..	..	1	5	30	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GREEN CITY DISTRICT	L. B. Reber, District Elder																	
College Mound	L. B. Reber	3	...	3	..	..	..	....	....	1	1 00	54	21	45	30	.....	.....	.....
Center Chapel and Acasto	L. True	14	5	19	..	..	..	....	....	2	2 70	1 60	.....	1 35	25		.....	.....
Marcellin and Browning	T. B. France	...	...	...	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green City and Mt. Olive	Chandos Smutz	30	..	30	3	3	1	5	30	7	8 40	5 76	4 80	4 20	3 20	.....	.....	.....
HANNIBAL DISTRICT	L. B. Reber, District Elder																	
Hannibal and Ashburn	Shirley Smutz	41	4	45	1	4	2	12	50	12	14 10	6 66	6 55	5 55	3 70	....	1 30	.....
Winfield and Wilson Chapel	P. A. Rudolph	9	5	14	1	..	..	....	....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rhineland and Riverview	A. Stokesberry	17	17	34	1	..	2	12	60	4	4 80	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	1 51	.....
Total		243	50	293	17	7	10	56	315	59	$ 62 10	$ 34 90	$ 17 26	$ 27 50	$ 18 81	.....	$ 3 86	.....

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session, held at Fremont, Indiana, September 9-13, 1903

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

R. H. CLARK, *Secretary* W. T. LORING, *Assistant Secretary.*

T. J. RUSSELL, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, U. G. Hoover, C. Wade, William Simkins.
On Publishing the Minutes—R. H. Clark, W. T. Loring.
On Education—C. E. Edinger, W. T. Loring, Monroe Williams.
On Publications—U. G. Hoover, W. Curwin, M. T. Hepner, L. H. Morrison.
On Reforms—W. T. Loring, C. W. Wade, J. Gallimore, E. Mellott.
On Sunday-schools—T. J. Russell, R. H. Clark, C. S. Huston, Kate Grant.
On State of the Work—U. G. Hoover, C. W. Wade.
To Receive Funds for Foreign, General and Home Missions—Anna Matthews.
To Receive Conference Claimants' Fund—S. L. Wass.
To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—Daniel Fall.
To Receive Church Extension Fund—John Gallimore.
To Receive Children's and Educational Funds—T. J. Loring.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. Mèllott.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—L. H. Morrison, C. E. Edinger, S. H. Matthews.
On Ministerial Relations—W. T. Loring, U. G. Hoover, S. H. Matthews, H. L. Smith, M. T. Hepner, A. D. Harrison, M. Williams, W. Curwin.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. T. Loring, president; U. G. Hoover, secretary; T. J. Russell, treasurer; C. W. Wade, S. H. Matthews.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

C. E. Edinger, for one year; W. T. Loring, for two years; U. G. Hoover, for three years.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Church Extension (10 cents), General Missions (15 cents); second quarter, Home Missions (20 cents); third quarter, General Superintendents' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Rosa T. Clark, president, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Mrs. Mary Loring, DeSoto, Indiana, and Mrs. H. L. Smith, Spring Arbor, Michigan, vice presidents; Mrs. Effie Russell, corresponding secretary, South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. Rosa Jolly, recording secretary, Elkhart, Indiana; Miss Anna Matthews, treasurer, Union City, Indiana.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. E. Edinger,	W. T. Loring,	S. H. Matthews,	T. J. Loring,
J. E. Kemp,	A. F. Godwin,	U. G. Hoover,	C. W. Wade,
H. L. Smith.	J. B. Robinette.	L. H. Morrison.	R. H. Clark,
J. M. Jolly.	G. R. Stamp.		

DELEGATES

C. S. Huston,	E. Mellott,	William Curwin,	W. F. Ream,
Monroe Williams,	S. L. Wass,	J. Gallimore,	Anna Matthews,
M. T. Hepner,	A. D. Harrison,	Daniel Fall,	Kate Grant.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, U. G. Hoover, C. W. Wade, S. L. Wass, E. Mellott.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? T. J. Russell, J. J. Culp.

4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15. None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. M. Jolly.

6. Who are the deacons? L. H. Morrison.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? H. L. Smith.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? A. F. Godwin (conditional), J. B. Robinette.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? L. H. Morrison.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, with one exception.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. F. Godwin, $60 (conditional); J. B. Robinette, $40; Nancy Reynolds, 35.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Muncie, Indiana; time as near September 1, 1904, as may be consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

KNOX DISTRICT—C. W. Wade, District Elder, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Knox and Toto.....H. C. Ingersoll, supply, Knox, Indiana
Crown Point and Ross.....J. A. Tannehill, supply, Crown Point, "
Springville, Bunker Hill, etc.....C. S. Huston, supply, R. R. No. 1, La Porte, "
South Bend.....T. J. Russell, 406 East Keasey street, South Bend, "
Mishawaka.....D. T. McNickle, supply, Mishawaka, "
Elkhart.....J. M. Jolly, 115 Princeton street, Elkhart, "

H. L. Smith, left without appointment at his own request to attend school at Spring Arbor, Michigan; J. E. Kemp, superannuated, Elkhart, Indiana; L. H. Morrison, granted a certificate of standing.

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT—U. G. Hoover, District Elder, Columbia City, Indiana.

Fort Wayne.....R. H. Clark, 1318 East Creighton avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Columbia City and Lorane.....J. J. Culp, Columbia City, "
Forest Chapel.....C. E. Edinger, R. R. No. 2, Columbia City, "
Fremont.....John Fenner, supply, Fremont, "
Fort Wayne Mission.....T. J. Loring, 628 West Main street, Fort Wayne, "
Blue River.....To be supplied

J. B. Robinette, superannuated, Columbia City, Indiana; G. R. Stamp, left without appointment.

The quarterly conference relation of U. G. Hoover was fixed on the Fort Wayne district.

UNION CITY DISTRICT—U. G. Hoover, District Elder.

Union City.....S. H. Matthews, Union City, Indiana
Muncie and DeSoto.....W. T. Loring, DeSoto, "

A. F. Godwin, superannuated, Centerville, Indiana.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

CHARGE.	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
KNOX DISTRICT											
Knox and Toto	.....	.....	$ 49 87	..	$ 370 84	$ 69 30	$ 25 00	2	$ 2000	1	$ 500
Crown Point and Ross	.	$ 2 35	31 80	$ 50	440 00	57 00	19 20	1	1200	1	600
Springville, Bunker Hill, Organ S.H.		.....	60 00		556 98	73 00	25 00	2	1600	1	650
South Bend	6 00	2 50	43 29	2 50	558 40	68 40	.....	..	*650	..	.....
Mishawaka	.....	.....	12 60	.....	75 75	53 00	6 00	1	3000	..	.....
Elkhart	50	....	11 67	.....	301 77	30 00	.....	1	1250	1	800
FORT WAYNE DISTRICT											
Fort Wayne	.....	.....	59 90	.....	518 10	57 18	.....	1	2000	1	600
Columbia City and Lorane	.....	3 05	29 50	.....	222 14	43 85	.....	3	1600	..	....
Forest Chapel	.....	.....	.....	....	251 22	41 25	.....	1	100	1	300
Fremont	.....	.....	5 85	.....	97 87	38 20	.....	1	300	1	300
UNION CITY DISTRICT											
Union City	.....	.....	15 00	.....	253 31	31 00	.....	1	2100	1	350
Muncie and DeSoto	....	1 75	.....	....	365 00	52 50	6 00	1	1000	1	500
Total	$ 6 50	$ 9 65	$ 319 48	$ 3 00	$4011 38	$ 774 00	$ 81 20	15	$ 16800	9	$ 4600

*Lot only

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

KNOX, FORT WAYNE AND UNION CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimantes' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
KNOX DISTRICT	C. W. Wade, District Elder																	
Knox and Toto	H. C. Ingersoll, supply	57	5	62	2	2	2	16	135	4	$ 16 81	$ 9 15	$ 6 10	$ 7 32	$ 3 05	.....	.....	.....
Crown Point and Ross	J. J. Culp, supply	[illegible]	2	31	2	1	2	12	70	10	6 30	3 78	4 27	3 15	2 10	30	$ 10 42	$ 14 40
Springville, Bunker Hill, Organ S. H.	L. H. Morrison	50	8	58	1	..	2	10	60	6	13 20	7 92	8 80	6 60	4 40	.....	.....	.....
South Bend	T. J. Russell, supply	55	3	58	1	1	1	11	55	4	12 90	7 74	8 60	6 45	4 30	.....	.....	10 60
Mishawaka	C. W. Wade	15	3	18	..	1	1	6	25	3	2 79	1 62	1 80	1 [illegible]	90	.....	.....	11 26
Elkhart	S. H. Matthews	15	2	17	..	..	1	6	24	2	6 00	3 60	1 80	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	21 19
FORT WAYNE DISTRICT	U. G. Hoover, District Elder																	
Fort Wayne	Robert H. Clark	41	5	46	2	1	1	11	75	7	12 00	7 20	8 00	6 00	4 00	.....	45 29	27 33
Columbia City and Lorane	John M. Jolly	31	5	36	2	..	2	13	80	7	4 35	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 30	2 60	.....	3 25
Forest Chapel	C. E. Edinger	28	2	30	2	1	1	10	45	6	6 00	3 60	.....	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	...
Fremont	William H. Simkins, supply	14	2	16	2	..	1	5	10	4	3 00	1 80	2 00	1 50	1 00	.....	2 00	.....
UNION CITY DISTRICT	U. G. Hoover, District Elder																	
Union City	T. J. Loring	11	...	11	2	2	1	10	25	1	4 50	1 75	.....	75	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Muncie and DeSoto	W. T. Loring	28	1	29	..	..	2	12	46	5	3 00	6 00	.....	2 06	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Raised at conference		...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	17 45	7 82	12 49	9 97	.....	1 85	.....	.....
Total		374	88	412	16	9	17	122	650	59	$ 108 30	$ 64 98	$ 53 86	$ 54 15	$ 36 10	$ 4 75	$ 47 71	$ 88 03

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-eighth Annual Session, held at Cadillac, Michigan, August 19–23, 1903

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

C. L. LAMBERTSON, *Secretary.* R. E. RAYCRAFT, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, A. G. Hartle, J. A. Watson, D. G. Briggs, C. L. Lambertson, J. E. McDonald.

On Secret Societies—J. B. Griswold, T. M. Gallup, T. V. Gray, J. E. Sanders.

On Sunday-schools—W. D. Kingsley, O. F. Dafoe, J. C. Smith.

On Publications—M. C. Eddy, W. H. Bodine, J. O. Hall.

On Temperance—S. H. Williams, W. B. Huff, J. H. Thorn.

On Education—J. W. Humphreys, D. D. Hall, C. Phelps.

On Reforms—J. A. Allen, S. H. Carpenter, F. Francisco.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—A. A. York.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Receive General Superintendents' Claim—D. D. Hall.

To Receive Conference Claimants' Fund—W. D. Kingsley.

To Receive General Missions Fund—F. O. Wyman.

To Receive Home Missions Fund—The district elders.

To Receive Educational and Children's Funds—L. H. Hahn.

To Receive Church Extension and Foreign Mission Funds—W. Caywood.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. Hoffman, W. D. Kingsley, J. A. Hudnutt, L. Webb, W. H. James.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—A. G. Hartle, J. A. Watson, W. Jurey, J. O. Hall.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. G. Briggs, president; C. L. Lambertson, secretary and treasurer; J. A. Watson, T. V. Gray, D. K. Bellis.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

S. W. Ingalls, president, for two years; C. L. Lambertson, secretary, for one year; A. G. Hartle, for three years.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Secret Societies—M. C. Eddy.

On Temperance—S. W. Ingalls.

On Sunday-schools—M. DaFoe.

On Education—J. E. Sanders.

On Publications—R. E. Raycraft.

On Reforms—C. L. Lambertson.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Home Missions; second quarter, Conference Claimants'; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Church Extension.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER

C. L. Lambertson, Cadillac, Michigan.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. R. Cusick,	C. S. Gitchell,	H. D. F. Gaffin,	G. W. Carey,
L. T. Jacokes,	G. H. Joslin,	W. Caywood,	D. G. Briggs,
C. L. Lambertson,	E. Thirkettle,	J. A. Watson,	A. G. Hartle,
J. A. Hudnutt,	E. Snyder,	F. K. Baker,	M. Dafoe,
B. W. McKibben,	J. A. Allen,	S. W. Ingalls,	L. H. Hahn,
F. O. Wyman,	J. E. Sanders,	J. L. Hazledine,	C. A. Gallup,
E. M. Russell,	S. H. Carpenter,	C. H. Harding,	S. M. Kidder,
S. H. Williams,	D. D. Hall,	W. B. Huff,	W. H. Bodine,
W. H. Cole,	R. E. Raycraft,	W. H. Switzer,	W. D. Kingsley,
J. N. Bearss,	F. E. Stowell,	F. D. Kaufman,	W. Hoffman,
A. A. York,	M. C. Eddy,	G. W. Weidman,	E. C. Bigelow,
T. M. Gallup,	O. F. Dafoe,	T. Baynton,	J. B. Griswold,
L. C. Fletcher,	J. W. Humphreys,	J. E. McDonald,	J. A. Phillips.

DELEGATES

G. Liscum,	C. Hollinshead,	C. Ensign,	C. Phelps,
E. D. Joslin,	R. Kinney,	F. G. Rice,	W. Jurey,
F. Francisco,	V. M. Danskin,	L. Webb,	J. H. Thorn,
A. Houk,	A. Newland,	M. McDonald,	W. Johnson,
D. K. Bellis,	A. F. Dempsey,	W. H. James,	O. McCammon,
J. O. Smith,	L. P. Lawton,	George Frey,	A. Bowers,
W. Feighner,	J. O. Hall,	T. V. Gray,	R. Bailey,
F. Garter,	J. Farr,	R. Alexander,	J. Coles,
A. C. Floyd,	J. Wiley,	J. Steinburg,	H. Hope,
C. Sutherland,	W. H. Austin,	Carrie Cameron,	Helena Williams,
Celista Terry,	Nancy Fisher,	Catherine Davidson,	Maggie Smith.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, J. A. Watson, A. G. Hartle, D. G. Briggs, C. L. Lambertson, J. O. Hall, W. Jurey, M. McDonald, D. K. Bellis.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? George McGrath.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. E. McDonald, J. A. Phillips.

6. Who are the deacons? J. E. McDonald, J. A. Phillips, J. W. Humphreys, L. C. Fletcher, W. H. Cole, T. Baynton, O. F. Dafoe, F. D. Kaufman.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? George W. Weidman, T. M. Gallup, J. B. Griswold.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? G. W. Carey, F. E. Stowell, E. C. Bigelow.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? W. R. Cusick, L. T. Jacokes, C. S. Gitchell, B. W. McKibben, C. H. Harding.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? M. Dafoe, from the Michigan conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. W. Sharpe handed in certificate to the Central Illinois conference, and F. D. Palmer handed in certificate to the Colorado conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16–20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. R. Cusick, $150; B. W. McKibben, $80; C. H. Harding, $35; Hannah Gilpin and two children, $65; Orpha Cope, $40; Margaret McLucas, $15. Total, $385.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The location is left with the district elders; the time as near the second Wednesday in August, 1904, as will suit the plan of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The North Michigan conference convened for its twenty-eigth annual session at Cadillac, Michigan, in a beautiful grove on the north shore of the lake, August 19-23. Superintendent W. A. Sellew called the conference to order at 2 p. m. on Wednesday and presided over five very harmonious sittings. He seemed to be especially filled with the Spirit for the occasion and his address to the conference and answers to the questions in the question-box at the close of each sitting seemed unusually inspiring and instructive.

At the organization of the conference thirty-seven answered to the call of their names and during the session forty-four delegates handed in credentials and took seats within the conference.

The following were granted an evangelist's license: A. F. Dempsey, Mary J. Finch, Rosetta Allen and Bertha McGrath. The following were ordained deacon on Sabbath: J. E. McDonald, J. A. Phillips, J. L. Snyder, J. D. Gregory (the last two local). The following were ordained elder: G. W. Weidman, T. M. Gallup, J. B. Griswold.

The W F. M. S. conducted a service on Saturday afternoon and a collection of $14.67 was taken. The conference society re-elected its officers as follows: Rosetta Allen, president; Hattie Gaffin, first vice president; Carrie Dafoe, second vice president; Delia Raycraft, recording secretary; Arletta Briggs, corresponding secretary: Myrtie Francisco, Alma, Michigan, treasurer.

APPOINTMENTS

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. A. Watson, District Elder, Alma, Michigan.

Grand Rapids.....F. K. Baker, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Coopersville and Nunica.....O. F. Dafoe, Coopersville, "
Fruitport, County Line and Sullivan .....F. Garter, supply, Coopersville, "
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone.....S. W. Ingalls, Sparta, "
Cedar Springs, Cortland and Cannonsburg....J. W. Humphreys, Cedar Springs, "
Ravenna and Morland.....J. N. Bearss, Ravenna, "
Bradley and Gregoryville .....G. H. Joslin, Bradley, "
Coral and Howard City .....J. A. Phillips, Coral, "
Ensley.....E. M. Russell, Grove, "
Stanwood, Brady Lake and Altona .....O. H. Prichard, Stanwood, "
Lakeview and Six Lakes .....W. H. Switzer, Lakeview, "

W. R. Cusick and L. T. Jacokes, superannuated; H. D. F. Gaffin, financial agent of Spring Arbor Seminary; W. Caywood. evangelist.

IONIA DISTRICT—A. G. Hartle, District Elder, Saranac, Michigan.

Grand Ledge and Eagle .....L. H. Hahn, Grand Ledge, Michigan
Sunfield and Shaytown .....J. B. Griswold, Cora Griswold, supply, Sunfield, "
Morgan and Maple Grove.....S. H. Carpenter, Morgan, "
Hastings, Castleton and Figure 8.....J. A. Allen, Hastings, "

Saranac and Berlin ..... C. A. Glass, supply, Saranac, Michigan
Orleans and Belding ..... M. Dafoe, Orleans, "

G. W. Carey, F. E. Stowell, E. C. Bigelow, supernumerary; B. W. McKibben, C. H. Harding, superannuated.

ISABELLA DISTRICT—A. G. Hartle, District Elder.

Clare and Harrison ..... J. L. Hazledine, Clare, Michigan
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln and County Line ..... J. A. Hudnutt, Shepherd, "
Alma and Burns ..... $ ..... R. E. Raycraft, Alma, "
St. Louis ..... Eunice Stoddard, supply, St. Louis, "
Elm Hall, Sumner and Sand Ridge ..... M. C. Eddy, Elm Hall, "
Stanton, Fishville and Westville ..... S. H. Williams, Stanton, "
Greenville, Fenwick and Evergreen ..... F. D. Kaufman, Fenwick, "

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—F. O. Wyman, District Elder, Custer, Michigan.

Big Rapids ..... E. Snyder, Big Rapids, Michigan
Woodville and River ..... D. D. Hall, Woodville, "
Walkerville and Elbridge ..... To be supplied
Ludington and Summit ..... J. E. McDonald, Ludington, Michigan
Custer and Scottville ..... W. H. James, supply, Custer, "
Bristol ..... C. A. Gallup, Bristol, "
South Evart and Chippewa ..... L. J. Hazeldine, supply, Evart, "
Fork, Barryton and Titus ..... T. M. Gallup, Barryton, "
Weidman and Deerfield ..... W. B. Huff, Weidman, "
Milbrook and Wyman ..... J. D. Gregory, supply, Milbrook, "
Rose Lake and Marion ..... A. A. York, Rose Lake, "
Barton ..... H. Toonder, supply, Barton, "

W. H. Cole and S. M. Kidder, left without appointment.

CADILLAC DISTRICT—D. G. Briggs, District Elder, Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Cadillac ..... C. L. Lambertson, Cadillac, Michigan
Cherry Grove, Boon and Harrietta ..... { George McGrath, Boon, "
..... { Bertha McGrath, supply
Manton and Greenwood ..... W. H. Bodine, Manton, "
Lake City ..... G. W. Weidman, Lake City, "
Kingsley, Beitner and Traverse City ..... C. G. Miller, supply, Kingsley, "
Colfax, Antioch and Mesick ..... W. D. Kingsley, Meauwataka, "
Lodi, Mancelona and Elmira ..... { L. C. Fletcher, Kalkaska, Michigan,
..... { V. M. Danskin, supply, Mancelona, "
South Arm, Central Lake and Advance ..... { A. Whitmore, supply, Central Lake, "
..... { May Whitmore, supply, Central Lake, "

C. S. Gitchell, superannuated; T. Baynton, left without appointment.

SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT—D. G. Briggs, District Elder.

Sault Ste. Marie ..... J. E. Sanders, 529 Court street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
Hay Lake and Dafter ..... E. Thirkettle, Dafter, "
St. Joseph Island ..... J. O. Hindes, supply, Richard's Landing, Ontario
Drummond Island ..... W. Hoffman, Drummond, Michigan

The quarterly conference relation of A. G. Hartle is fixed on the Ionia district; that of D. G. Briggs on the Cadillac district.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $503.40.

General Superintendents' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $802.04.
General Missions.—Assessed and paid, $251.70.
Church Extension.—Assessed and paid, $167.80.
Home Mission Fund.—Paid, $169.91.
Foreign Mission Fund.—Paid, $229.29.
Children's Fund—Paid, $12.68.
Educational Fund—$4.83.

II.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Mr. Webster defines temperance as the moderate gratification of the passions and appetites. St. Paul stood facing the evils of intemperance and, it is written, "As he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled." Also in his epistle to the Philippians he said, "Let your moderation be known unto all men." The wise man knew something about the evils of intemperance and said, "And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite." There are instructions about, and exhortations to, temperance found all through the word of God. We presume a man may be as intemperate in eating as in drinking and although the evils may not be so far-reaching, yet they are bad. Otherwise it would be useless to make such a command as "Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

One of the most fruitful sources of evil is intemperance, and it has reached gigantic proportions. It has entered the home circle, destroying the happiness within and driving the once happy wife and mother to the wash-tub or some other laborious task that she may support the family. Oftentimes she is compelled to furnish money for her husband to spend in purchasing that which will ruin both soul and body, while her children go hungry and poorly clad, with scarcely a shelter from the storm or a place to rest their bodies for the night. Yet the world passes on saying, "Unfortunate; it is too bad; she is only a drunkard's wife; these are only the children of a drunkard." The evil of intemperance is not felt in the home circle alone, but it is exerting influences that are powerfully felt in the government. Many favors are offered to those in power in order to secure their aid and hush the voice of law while they carry on their murderous and soul-destroying curse, blighting the lives and making paupers of those in a once prosperous condition. All of this is going on under the protection of the government in this day of boasted enlightenment. As to the extent of this curse we quote from the July issue of the *Homiletic Review:* "In the year 1840 there were 4.17 gallons consumed per capita and in 1902 this amount had increased to 19.48 gallons at a cost of $17.04 each, every family of the country spending an average of $80 a year for drink, making a total of $1,346,330,926 spent for drink in 1902."

When we take into consideration the suffering and misery, the want and woe, together with the 60,000 drunkards that die annually and the 60.000 boys that must take the places of those gone, in connection with the blighted and ruined womanhood we have a scene which no pen can describe. The gin-mill is grinding slowly but continually and is turning out its home-destroying, government-polluting and soul-damning grist of wreck and ruin all over the land.

Whereas, The use of intoxicating drink is increasing to an alarming extent, and

Whereas, Ninety per cent of all the crime committed is due to the excessive use of rum, therefore;

Resolved, That it is the firm conviction of your committee that every Free Methodist should vote for the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

GRAND RAPIDS AND IONIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT	A. G. Hartle, District Elder																	
Grand Rapids	O. F. Dafoe	58	2	60	2	..	1	7	50	4	$ 16 80	$ 10 00	$ 7 60	$ 4 50	$ 1 00			
Coopersville and Nunica	W. H. Switzer	40	2	42	2	..	1	8	35	5	10 50	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 50			
Fruitport, County Line and Sullivan	Supplied	21	..	21	1	..	1	9	34	6	5 98	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70			
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone	S. W. Ingalls	40	4	44	..	..	3	16	70	4	9 60	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20			
Cedar Springs, Cortland, Cannonsburg	D. D. Hall	86	4	90	2	1	2	16	75	13	23 10	13 86	11 55	11 55	7 70		$ 34 69	
Ravenna and Six Corners	C. B. Lawton, supply	23	2	25	2	..	1	5	15	4	6 90	3 14	2 69	3 45	2 30			
Bradley and Gregoryville	E. Burt, supply	33	..	33	2	..	1	5	35	7	7 08	4 12	2 20	3 10				
Coral and Howard City	J. W. Humphreys	52	4	56	..	..	2	13	60	11	15 60	9 36	7 80	7 80	5 20		3 50	
Ensley	E. M. Russell	23	1	24	..	..	2	11	60	3	5 70	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90			
Stanwood, Brady Lake and Altona	S. H. Carpenter	59	8	67	1	..	2	9	60	4	15 00	9 00	7 50	7 50	5 10			
Lakeview and Six Lakes	E. Thirkettle	52	10	62	1	..	3	14	78	6	13 50	8 10		6 75	3 13			
IONIA DISTRICT	J. A. Watson, District Elder																	
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln and Richmond	R. E. Raycraft	45	6	51	2	..	3	25	75	7	16 50	9 90	8 25	8 25	5 50		40 02	$ 1 00
Clare and Harrison	J. L. Hazeldine	29	3	32	..	..	1	7	30	5	6 60	3 96		3 30	2 20			10 00
Alma, Burns and County Line	B. W. McKibben, Sarah McKibben, supply	31	1	32	1	1	2	14	60	11	11 40	6 84	5 55	5 55	2 18		12 73	
St. Louis	W. Hoffman	15	1	16	..	..	..	..	..	1	3 90	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30		1 00	
Elm Hall, Sumner and Sand Ridge	L. J. Hazeldine, supply	32	3	35	..	..	1	7	14	3	10 50	6 30		5 25	3 50		9 24	
Stanton, Fishville and Westville	J. A. Allen	27	1	28	2	2	1	5	25	5	7 80	4 60	3 90	3 90	2 60			
Greenville, Fenwick and Evergreen	Eunice Stoddard, supply	10	4	14	1	1	1	8	25	5	3 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00			
Orleans and Belding	Supplied	64	9	73	1	2	2	18	80	16	15 60	9 36	7 80	7 80	5 25		12 42	
Saranac and Berlin	C. H. Harding	28	1	29	1	2	1	6	35	7	9 60	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20		11 55	
Morgan, Hastings, etc.	W. H. Bodine	57	7	64	2	..	4	22	100	10	18 90	11 34	9 45	9 45	6 30		10 00	
Sunfield and Shaytown	J. B. Griswold, Cora Griswold, supply	58	2	60	2	1	4	28	110	17	17 10	10 26	8 55	8 55	5 70		46 24	2 00
Grand Ledge and Eagle	L. H. Hahn	49	..	49	2	2	3	21	112	12	17 40	10 44	8 70	8 70	5 80		78 00	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—Continued

BIG RAPIDS, CADILLAC AND SAULT STE MARIE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT	D. G. Briggs, District Elder																	
Big Rapids and Barton	J. A. Phillips	32	2	34	1	..	2	10	40	6	$ 9 60	$ 5 76	$ 4 80	$ 4 80	$ 3 20	.....	$ 2 00	.....
Hungerford and River	M. C. Eddy	37	6	43	1	..	2	13	57	8	7 50	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	18 10	.....
Walkerville and Elbridge	E. C. Bigelow	29	8	37	1	..	2	6	50	7	8 70	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	.....
Ludington and Summit	A. A. York	28	..	28	..	1	1	8	25	5	7 50	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Custer and Scottville	F. O. Wyman	68	4	72	3	..	2	10	70	11	20 70	12 42	10 35	10 35	6 90	.....	20 00	.....
Bristol and Rose Lake	C. H. Pritchard	52	3	55	2	1	2	12	60	7	17 10	10 20	.....	8 55	.....	.....	5 00	$ 5 25
South Evart, Sears and Chippewa	G. H. Joslin	64	3	67	3	..	2	17	100	6	17 10	10 26	8 55	8 55	5 70	.....	1 70	.....
Fork, Barryton and Titus	M. Gallup	37	8	45	1	1	2	14	60	5	15 30	9 18	3 00	7 65	2 10	.....	1 00	.....
Weidman and Deerfield	W. B. Huff	16	1	17	..	1	..	....	....	5	5 40	3 24	2 65	2 70	1 80	.....	4 40	.....
Milbrook and Wyman	J. N. Bearss	19	1	20	..	..	1	7	20	....	3 90	2 34	1 95	1 95	94	.....	.....	.....
CADILLAC DISTRICT	C. L. Lambertson, Dist. Elder																	
Cadillac	J. E. McDonald	15	3	18	..	..	1	7	28	3	4 20	2 52	.....	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	.....
Cherry Grove, Boon and Harrietta	George McGrath, supply	21	4	25	2	1	1	7	20	4	4 80	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Manton and Greenwood	J. A. Hudnutt	56	3	59	1	..	2	15	60	2	14 60	6 48	6 03	6 45	3 60	.....	2 00	10 00
Lake City and Fry's Mill	E. A. Blodgett, supply	22	..	22	1	..	..	..	....	1	6 60	3 96	3 30	22	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kingsley and Nickerson	George W. Weidman	18	3	21	1	..	..	....	....	4	4 80	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Traverse City and Beitner	T. Baynton	12	..	12	..	..	1	8	35	2	3 00	.....	.....	67	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colfax, Antioch and Mesick	C. A. Gallup	25	1	26	1	..	1	9	40	....	6 60	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	2 50
Lodi and Kalkaska	S. H, Williams	31	..	31	..	..	2	9	50	7	9 60	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	.....	.....	.....
Mancelona	Supplied	4	1	5	..	..	1	5	50	1	1 20	72	60	60	40	.....	.....	.....
Elmira and Springbrook	A. W. Cryderman, supply	8	..	8	1	..	1	8	25	2	1 50	90	75	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
South Arm, Central Lake and Advance	J. E. Sanders	20	4	24	..	..	1	4	25	5	5 70	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	.....	2 50	.....
SAULT STE MARIE DISTRICT	C. L. Lambertson, Dist. Elder																	
Sault Ste Marie	W. D. Kingsley	49	10	59	1	..	1	8	50	7	11 10	7 74	6 45	6 45	4 30	.....	.....	.....
Dafter and Brimley	W. Randles, supply	10	2	12	1	..	1	4	18	1	2 10	1 26	1 05	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....
Hay Lake	C. G. Miller, supply	26	15	41	..	..	1	5	35	1	6 60	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	.....
St. Joseph Island	L. C. Fletcher	37	8	45	1	..	1	5	25	7	10 20	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	.....	4 68	8 35
Drummond Island	V. M. Danskin, supply	17	6	23		..	1	5	20	3	4 80	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	1 15	.....
Collection taken at conference for W. F. M. S		....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 67
Total		1685	171	1856	49	17	74	470	2201	276	$ 478 26	$ 282 08	$ 203 12	$ 229 59	$136 40	.....	$ 325 92	$ 53 77

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT											
Grand Rapids	...	...	$ 30 00	...	$ 384 00	$ 30 00	$ 8 82	1	$ 2000	..	...
Coopersville and Nunica	...	...	23 00	$ 50	309 00	43 00	...	2	2000	1	$ 600
Fruitport, County Line, Sullivan	...	...	8 00	...	24 00	27 00	...	1	1200	..	...
Sparta, Algoma and Tyrone	...	...	27 00	...	328 21	51 00	...	1	1800	1	800
Cedar Springs, Cortland and Cannonsburg	...	...	38 55	...	335 97	47 00	...	3	2100	2	950
Ravenna and Six Corners	...	...	...	...	62 00	36 00	...	1	800	1	400
Bradley and Gregoryville	...	...	5 65	...	226 25	32 00	...	2	550	1	500
Coral and Howard City	$ 1 00	...	18 25	...	342 75	41 00	10 00	2	2000	1	150
Ensley	...	...	24 00	...	222 36	21 00	...	2	400	1	300
Stanwood, Brady Lake and Altona	...	...	10 20	...	260 36	38 00	...	3	2200	1	50
Lakeview and Six Lakes	...	...	10 65	...	187 52	34 00	...	1	800	1	600
IONIA DISTRICT											
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln, Richland	40	$ 2 28	22 86	...	325 00	33 00	11 00	2	1300	1	600
Clare and Harrison	...	...	...	...	335 00	26 00	...	1	1100	1	800
Alma, Burns and County Line	1 60	1 10	20 10	...	392 00	44 25	...	2	1500	1	800
St. Louis	...	...	...	...	173 00	20 00	...	1	700		...
Elm Hall, Sumner and Sand Ridge	...	...	...	...	208 50	34 00	...	1	1200	1	300
Stanton, Fishville and Westville	...	50	10 00	...	130 00	21 40	...	2	1000	1	400
Greenville, Fenwick, Evergreen	...	...	3 00	...	126 00	12 38	...	2	1000		...
Orleans and Belding	...	1 00	24 20	...	350 00	47 18	...	1	1000	1	600
Saranac and Berlin	83	50	...	...	282 08	36 00	...	2	2000	1	300
Morgan, Hastings, etc.	...	73	44 00	...	350 00	60 00	2 00	4	3000	1	700
Sunfield and Shaytown	...	...	45 10	...	480 65	60 00	...	2	3100	1	1000
Grand Ledge and Eagle	...	...	28 00	20	519 17	60 00	...	4	3100	1	1000
BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT											
Big Rapids and Barton	...	...	17 00	...	200 00	25 00	...	1	350	1	350
Hungerford and River	...	67	21 20	...	312 00	36 00	...	2	1500	1	300
Walkerville and Elbridge	...	...	12 00	...	170 00	24 00	...	1	800	..	...
Ludington and Summit	...	...	20 00	...	256 58	28 00	...	1	1100	..	...
Custer and Scottville	...	...	29 29	...	320 04	39 50	...	1	1200	1	500
Bristol and Rose Lake	...	...	25 00	...	292 00	37 70	...	1	700	1	200
South Evart, Sears and Chippewa	...	4 00	21 36	...	295 00	40 00	...	1	500	1	460
Fork, Barryton and Titus	...	...	25 00	...	372 47	26 00	7 00	1	400	1	400
Weidman and Deerfield	...	...	...	...	280 68	18 00	...	2	1400	1	200
Milbrook and Wyman	...	...	6 00	...	78 00	22 00	...	2	500	1	200
CADILLAC DISTRICT											
Cadillac	...	70	17 15	...	375 53	24 00	9 55	1	1000	1	600
Cherry Grove Boon, Harrietta	...	...	12 00	...	322 00	24 20	...	1	150	1	200
Manton and Greenwood	1 25	1 97	35 59	...	458 31	51 00	...	1	1600	1	800
Lake City and Fry's Mill	...	...	...	...	...	18 00	...	1	800	..	...
Kingsley and Nickerson	...	...	...	...	150 68	20 00	7 75	1	500	1	50
Traverse City and Beitner	...	...	20 00	...	...	9 72	...	..	...	..	...
Colfax, Antioch and Mesick	...	60	17 60	...	241 72	35 00	...	1	1000	1	500
Lodi and Kalkaska	...	...	17 12	...	150 00	24 50	...	1	1400	1	100
Mancelona	...	...	16 05	90	...	4 50	...	1	1200	..	...
Elmira and Springbrook	...	...	7 55	...	7 65	6 05	...	..	...	..	...
South Arm, Central Lake, Advance	...	...	12 00	...	235 89	21 50	...	1	100	1	300
SAULT STE MARIE DISTRICT											
Sault Ste Marie	1 54	...	27 66	...	560 23	34 50	76 43	1	2500	1	1000
Dafter and Brimley	...	...	7 49	...	37 90	6 00	...	1	600	1	350
Hay Lake	...	...	3 44	...	281 42	22 00	33 00	..	...	..	...
St. Joseph Island	...	1 00	11 41	...	300 00	32 00	...	1	900	..	...
Drummond Island	...	...	9 94	...	175 16	14 07	3 50	1	425	..	...
Total	$ 6 62	$15 05	$ 784 41	$ 1 60	13801 76	$1497 45	$ 169 05	69	$ 56475	37	$ 1736 0

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-ninth Annual Session, held at Richland Center, Wisconsin, September 16-19, 1903

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

BURTON J. VINCENT, *Secretary.* J. J. JONES, *Assistant Secretary.*

C. SIGGLEKOW, *Statistical Secretary.* H. A. KNAPP, *Treasurer.*

J. E. COLEMAN, *Railroad Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, J. E. Coleman, R. Carne.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Raise Funds to Publish the Minutes—Mrs. Martha Jones, Mrs. Marion Jones.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—H. W. Hills, Florence Maxon, Celia Kast, Eliza Lory, Nellie Leysenaar.

On Missions—E. A. Wolfe, C. H. Chase, Olive Kendall, Alma Callen, Mrs. S. Jones, Maggie Haskins, Mrs. W. K. Jewell.

On Publications—C. Sigglekow, E. A. Knaak, A. Packer, J. F. Thomson, Mrs. J. M. Kellett, Mrs. Annie Good.

On Education—E. G. Burritt, N. J. Davis, L. B. Webb, D. W. Hart.

On Sabbath-schools—J. W. Jones, E. Z. Thwing, F. L. Burns, F. F. Wolfe, Emma Martin, Emma Stoddard.

On Reforms—D. O. Dietzman, D. S. Reed, F. S. Kamm, F. O. Lewis, William Gillingham.

On State of the Work—J. E. Coleman, A. J. Damon, J. Turgeson, E. N. Hawley, E. J. Roberts, J. B. Coffrin.

On Ministerial Relations—J. E. Coleman, J. Turgeson, A. J. Damon, A. Turner, E. P. Tullis.

To Equalize Preachers' Traveling Expenses to and from Conference—E. J. Roberts, H. W. Hills.

On Complimentary Resolutions—D. W. Hart, F. L. Burns.

On Memoirs—D. W. Hart, J. F. Thomson, E. Z. Thwing, R. Pate, A. D. Gillett.

To Visit Evansville Seminary—J. Turgeson, R. Carne.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—J. F. Thomson. On Sabbath-schools—F. F. Wolfe.

On Education—R. H. Warren. On Missions—E. J. Roberts.

On Publications—R. Carne.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. N. Hawley, secretary, retires in 1904; J. F. Thomson, president, retires in 1905; D. W. Hart, retires in 1906.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. J. Damon, E. P. Tullis, retire in 1904; E. Z. Thwing, president, G. C. Brownell, retire in 1905; R. Carne, secretary, J. Turgeson, retire in 1906.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

L. B. Webb, president, E. P. Tullis, retire in 1904; J. E. Coleman, treasurer, C. L Franz, retire in 1905; N. J. Davis, R. Carne,secretary, retire in 1906.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. E. Coleman, treasurer, E. Z. Thwing, retire in 1904; L. B. Webb, president, R. Carne, secretary, retire in 1905; J. Turgeson, W. H. Webb, retire in 1906.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. Z. Thwing, R. Carne, F. F. Wolfe, E. N. Hawley, E. J. Roberts, E. A. Wolfe, H. W. Hills, A. E. Knaak, C. H. Chase, W. G. Hanmer, L. B. Webb, A. C. Jett, F. L. Burns, A. J. Damon, J. F. Thomson, R. H. Warren, A. D. Gillett, B. J. Vincent, J. E. Coleman, J. Turgeson, C. A. Cusick, D. O. Dietzman, F. O. Lewis, N. J. Davis, J. B. Coffrin, V. G. McMurry, W. Plant, C. Sigglekow, H. A. Knapp, D. G. Jones, D. W. Hart, J. J. Jones, F. S. Kamm, D. S. Reed.

DELEGATES

Alonzo Packer, Mrs. H. Jones, Alma Callen, Emma Stoddard, Maggie Haskins, Fred Myers, Eliza Lory, Marion Jones, Martha Jones, Mrs. J. M. Kellett, Annie Good, William Gillingham, Florence Maxon, Celia Kast, Alfred Turner, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Robert Pearsall, Olive Kendall, C. H. Young, E. P. Tullis, Emma Martin, Nellie Leysenaar.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, J. E. Coleman, A. J. Damon, J. Turgeson, A. Turner, E. P. Tullis, C. H. Young.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Carroll Smith.

4. Who remain on trial? W. L. Miekle, E. G. Burritt, J. Walter Jones.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? F. L. Burns, J. B. Coffrin, F. S. Kamm, D, G. Jones, J. J. Jones, *J. Walter Jones, A. E. Knaak, F. O. Lewis, *W. L. Miekle, D. S. Reed, E. A. Wolfe.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? R. H. Warren, H. W. Hills, B. J. Vincent.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? D. G. Jones, J. J. Jones, H. A. Knapp.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? C. A. Cusick, E. Z. Thwing.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? B. J. Vincent, from the North Indiana conference, had been transferred during the year by acting president, B. Winget, at the request of the district elders.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? V. Charrion.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? A. H. Stilwell.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? T. Charmley.

16–23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

*Local.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place, to be fixed upon by the district elders; and the time, on Wednesday, as near the 10th of September, 1904, as is consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—A. J. Damon, District Elder, Evansville, Wisconsin.

Evansville.....J. E. Coleman, Evansville, Wisconsin
Albany and English Settlement.....To be supplied
Milwaukee (First church).....F. O. Lewis, 620 Twentieth street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Milwaukee (Second church).....W. L. Miekle, 473 Tenth avenue, Milwaukee, "
Whitewater and Palmyra.....H. W. Hills, Whitewater, "
Marshall circuit.....J. F. Thomson, Marshall, "
Waukesha.....To be supplied
Sharon.....To be supplied

W. G. Hanmer, general conference evangelist; L. B. Webb, financial agent of Evansville Seminary; E. G. Burritt, principal of Evansville Seminary; N. J. Davis, assistant principal of Evansville Seminary; V. G. McMurry, missionary to India; A. C. Jett, conference evangelist; H. A. Knapp, supernumerary; C. A. Cusick, superannuated.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT—A. J. Damon, District Elder.

Platteville, Arthur, Cuba and New Diggins.....F. L. Burns, Platteville, Wisconsin
Montfort and Livingston.....J. B. Coffrin, Montfort, "
Boscobel, Werley and Fennimore.....
.....J. Walter Jones; Florence Jones, supply, Boscobel, "

RICHLAND CENTER DISTRICT—E. J. Roberts, District Elder, Portage, Wisconsin.

Richland Center and Mill Creek.....R. Carne, Richland Center, Wisconsin
Gillingham, Hub City and Sabine.....F. S. Kamm, Gillingham, "
Lloyd, Little Willow and Neptune.....Aldo Raymond, supply, Lloyd, "
LaFarge circuit.....D. S. Reed, LaFarge, "
Hillsboro circuit.....E. P. Zeller, supply, Hillsboro, "
Revell's Valley.....To be supplied

W. Plant, left without appointment.

BEAVER DAM DISTRICT—E. J. Roberts, District Elder.

Beaver Dam and Calamus.....F. F. Wolfe, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Pardeeville and Pacific.....B. J. Vincent, Pardeeville, "
Portage and Caledonia.....D. W. Hart; Mrs. D. W. Hart, supply, Portage, "
Baraboo and Excelsior.....C. Sigglekow, Baraboo, "
Oshkosh (Elm and Merritt streets).....R. H. Warren, 240 Elm street, Oshkosh, "
Fond du Lac.....To be supplied

C. H. Chase, conference evangelist; D. G. Jones, J. J. Jones, supernumerary.

NORTHERN DISTRICT—J. Turgeson, District Elder, Barron, Wisconsin.

Rhinelander and Woodboro.....D. O. Dietzman, Rhinelander, Wisconsin
Three Lakes and Monico Junction.....
.....C. G. Chandler, Edith Chandler, supplies, Three Lakes, "
Buckbee, Clintonville, Veteran's Home and Sherman.....To be supplied
Humbird and Augusta.....E. N. Hawley, Humbird, Wisconsin

YORK CENTER DISTRICT—E. A. Wolfe, District Elder, Wilcox, Wisconsin.

Barron circuit.....J. W. Kendall, supply, Barron, Wisconsin
Sioux Creek circuit.....A. E. Knaak, Chetek, "
Sioska circuit.....W. B. Good, supply, Chetek, "
Emerald circuit.....H. Robinson, supply, Rock Elm, "
Menomonie circuit.....To be supplied
Weyerhauser circuit.....To be supplied
Catawba circuit.....To be supplied

A. D. Gillett, conference missionary without claim; E. Z. Thwing, superannuated.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

Mrs. E. Florence Jones, Boscobel, Wisconsin
Ira Emerton ..... Evansville, Wisconsin
William Pflaum.....Evansville, "
Mrs. Grace J. Webb...Evansville, "
Mrs. Christie Damon. Evansville, "
Miss Mattie Stoll....114 South Peoria street, Chicago, Illinois.
Edith Chandler.....Three Lakes, Wisconsin
J. A. Marion.....Werley, "
Mrs. Abbie Hasbrouck. ....187 Ninth street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
Mabel Lane..Olive Branch Mission, Chicago, Illinois.
Florence Maxon.....Humbird, Wisconsin
Lissa M. Saugstead. Sparta, "
Robert Pearsall.....Marshall, "
Mrs. F. S. Kamm....Gillingham, "
Miss Irene Biddick.....Montfort, "
Robert Pate .....Pardeeville, "
Miss Amelia Anacher, Pardeeville, "
C. M. Spencer.....Pardeeville, "
Mrs. M. C. Roberts, ...Portage, "
O. J. Green....Manderson, South Dakota
Lee C. Munns.....Conrad, Iowa
Mrs. Mary L. Coleman. .....Evansville, Wisconsin.
Miss Esther Hart .....Orleans, Nebraska
Mrs. Emma Coffrin..Boscobel, Wisconsin
C. G. Chandler...Three Lakes, "
Lee Smith.....Granton, "
Mrs. R. Carne, Richland Center, "
Mrs. A. G. Moore.....59 Madison street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
E. P. Mankosksy....Humbird, Wisconsin
Howard Robinson, Clear Lake, "
Eunice Aldemon....Neidsville, "
A. D. Crandall.....Humbird, "
Frank Doubleday..Lake Mills, "
Miss Nellie Cocklin..Montfort, "
Miss Alice Woodward.....Montfort, Wisconsin.
E. P. Tullis.....Pardeeville, Wisconsin
Mrs. C. M. Spencer, Pardeeville, "
Mrs. D. W. Hart .....Portage, "

MISCELLANEOUS

Seven sittings of the conference were held, one each on Wednesday and Thursday, two on Friday and three on Saturday. The Lord set his seal upon the conference by greatly manifesting his presence.

The publishing house was represented by Rev. W. P. Ferries of Elgin, Illinois.

The new general superintendent, W. T. Hogue, presided with great satisfaction to all. His sermons and addresses to the conference were highly profitable to both preachers and people.

The treasurer reported a small deficiency in the conference claims which was ordered paid out of the home mission fund.

The conference ordered a collection of twenty-five cents per member to be taken for home mission purposes. Also that half the freight bills of preachers who move their household goods be paid from the home mission fund, where no reduction can be obtained from the railroad; and in cases where a reduction can be obtained, one half the bill is to be paid from the home mission fund, less the amount of reduction secured.

The general missionary board was asked for appropriations for circuits in this conference as follows: Boscobel circuit, $30; Loyd and Little Willow, $20; Sioska circuit, $25.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society raised during the year, $600. The members of the W. F. M. S. and the pastors and delegates agreed to put forth a great effort to raise $1000 for foreign missions during the coming year. Promises toward this amount were secured at conference to the amount of about one hundred dollars.

The conference ordered the collections this year to be taken as follows: November, General Missions and Home Missions; February, General Superintendents'; April, Conference Claimants'; June, Evansville Seminary, fifteen cents per member; August, Church Extension.

A resolution was adopted, asking all the preachers to set aside one Sunday in the second quarter of the year in which to call the attention of the people to the work of the American Bible society and its relation to missions, home and foreign, and to take a free-will offering for the society.

During the last sitting of tbe conference, funds were raised to purchase a Colt's Criterion stereopticon, to be presented to the Evansville Seminary, as the gift of the Wisconsin conference to the physical laboratory of the seminary. The first Friday in November was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer for the interests of Evansville Seminary.

H. W. Hills, R. H. Warren and Burton J. Vincent were ordained elders in the ordination service which followed the Sunday morning service.

The committee on claimants and claims recommends for C. A. Cusick, $130; for E. Z. Thwing, $150.

An interesting educational meeting was held Saturday night. Addresses were made by E. G. Burritt, principal of Evansville Seminary, W. T. Hogue, president of Greenville College, L. B. Webb, financial agent of Evansville Seminary, and J. E. Coleman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS.

Samuel Whitney was born in New Hampshire, November 7, 1816. His early life was spent in the states of New Hampshire and New York as a farmer and a sailor. He came to Illinois in the year 1846. About this time he was married to a Miss Gould who was a most devoted and active Christian.

In his early manhood Brother Whitney came under the power of unbelief and had very little sympathy with the Christian religion; but when he was about thirty years old he was gloriously converted in the class-room in the old meeting-house at Fredonia, New York. His first labors in the ministry were in Northern Illinois, in the Wesleyan Methodist church. This was in the days of pioneering and circuit traveling which meant sacrifice and hardship indeed for the itinerant preacher. After some years of faithful labor in this connection, he united with the Illinois conference of the Free Methodist church in the year 1871, and was pastor of the following circuits in that conference: Big Patch and New Diggings in 1871; Freeport and Lena in 1872 and 1873; Deanville and Pierceville in 1874.

He became a member of the Wisconsin conference when it was organized in 1875, and traveled the following circuits: Eau Claire and Menomonie in 1875; Cuba City and New Diggings in 1876 and 1877; and Platteville and Martinville in 1878. He was traveling chairman of the Whitewater, Platteville and Northwest districts in 1879. In 1880 he was pastor, in connection with G. W. Farnsworth, of the Caledonia circuit. He was made conference missionary in 1881, and during the year 1882 served as pastor at Beaver Dam.

In 1883 he was given a superannuated relation, and continued in the same until his death seventeen years later, in Evansville, Wisconsin, on the nineteenth of March.

Brother Whitney was twice married. To the first union were born four sons and two daughters. His second wife was Mrs. Julia M. Gould, to whom he was married in 1867. To this union was born one son. Death removed his companion from him several years ago.

"Father" Whitney, as he was affectionately called during his last years, was a man of unusual worth. Kindness, gentleness, fidelity and devotion were among his prominent characteristics. His love for the cause and people of God never waned. When his faculties became dulled by age, he yet possessed a keen appreciation of spiritual truth. The mention of the name of the Master he had served so many years was always received with a brightened countenance, and a warm response. Father and Mother Whitney both retained the freshness of their spiritual life and still brought forth fruit in their old age.

He was buried from his home in Evansville, Wisconsin. Rev. L. B. Webb preached the funeral sermon from 2 Timothy 4:7, 8.

Rev. Thomas Charmley was born at Saughall, England, April 24, 1822, and was converted about the year 1840. He was married to Jane Jackson in 1846 and to them were born five sons and four daughters. Brother Charmley and family came to this country in 1852, settling on a farm near Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, where he farmed as a means of support for some twenty-five years. During this time he served as a local preacher and Sunday-school superintendent in the Wesleyan connection. About this time Brother Charmley attended a Free Methodist camp-meeting where he was led into the experience of entire holiness and soon after cast in his lot with the Free Methodist church. He joined the Wisconsin conference in 1877, and served as a circuit preacher for nine years. Since that time, owing to age and failing health, Father Charmley held a superannuated relation, preaching and laboring as health would permit, always abounding in good words and deeds. His life can be summed up in a few words of holy Writ, "A good minister of Jesus Christ," "A good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." After months of failing health, our brother passed triumphantly away, August 11, 1903, at the home of his son, Thomas, at Pardeeville. He leaves four sons and three daughters to mourn their loss, most of whom were present at the funeral which was held at the Presbyterian church, Rev. R. Pate preaching the sermon from 1 Cor. 15:57. He was assisted in the service by Brothers J. E. Coleman, C. Sigglekow and R. H. Warren. He was laid to rest in the Pardeeville cemetery beside his precious wife who preceded him some nine years.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

EVANSVILLE, PLATTEVILLE, RICHLAND AND BEAVER DAM DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT	A. J. Damon, District Elder																	
Evansville and Albany	W. L. Miekle	68	11	79	4	5	1	13	80	22	$ 20 10	$ 12 06	$ 16 75	$ 10 05	$ 6 70	.....	$ 27 60	$ 52 50
Milwaukee, First church	D. W. Hart	20	4	24	..	1	1	7	60	6	6 00	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	23 52
Milwaukee, Second church	E. J. Roberts	40	5	45	..	2	1	7	50	7	11 10	6 66	9 25	5 55	3 70	.....	25 00	.....
Whitewater and Palmyra	F. S. Kamm	21	2	23	..	1	..	....	....	8	7 20	4 22	6 00	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	7 50
Marshall circuit	H. W. Hills	12	..	12	1	..	..	....	....	7	3 60	2 16	3 00	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	.....
Waukesha and Colgate	....	7	..	7	..	..	1	2	15	1	3 00	1 80	73	1 00	75	.....	.....	.....
Sharon	....	4	..	4	..	..	..	....	....	2	1 20	72	1 00	60	40	.....	.....	.....
PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT	A. J. Damon, District Elder																	
Platteville, Arthur, Cuba, New Diggings	F. L. Burns	47	12	59	2	..	1	7	40	6	12 90	7 74	10 75	.....	4 30	.....	4 00	20 00
Montfort and Livingston	F. O. Lewis	43	4	47	..	3	2	6	42	7	14 70	8 82	12 25	7 35	4 90	.....	2 15	8 32
Boscobel, Werley and Fennimore	J. B. Coffrin	31	10	41	2	2	1	7	30	6	7 50	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	.....
RICHLAND DISTRICT	J. E. Coleman, District Elder																	
Richland Center and Mill Creek	R. Carne	34	5	39	..	2	2	11	97	7	10 20	6 12	8 50	5 10	3 40	.....	.....	15 45
Gillingham circuit	D. O. Deitzman	38	7	45	2	..	1	4	15	7	11 40	6 64	9 50	5 80	3 80	.....	6 30	29 84
Lloyd, Little Willow and Ithaca	J. F. Thomson	20	8	28	..	1	1	8	75	3	5 70	3 42	4 75	2 85	1 90	.....	1 00	.....
BEAVER DAM DISTRICT	J. E. Coleman, District Elder																	
Beaver Dam	J. J. Jones	25	..	25	..	1	1	3	26	3	8 10	4 86	6 75	4 05	2 70	.....	9 00	41 04
Pardeeville	B. J. Vincent, supply	32	4	36	1	1	1	10	60	5	9 00	5 40	7 50	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	15 00
Caledonia circuit	H. A. Knapp	26	5	31	..	..	1	7	35	7	8 70	5 22	4 55	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	19 06
Baraboo and Excelsior	Charles Siggelkow	16	4	20	..	1	2	10	45	2	3 90	2 34	2 04	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh	R. H. Warren	44	8	52	..	3	1	8	50	5	13 80	8 28	11 50	6 90	4 60	.....	4 38	12 75
Fond du Lac	....	7	..	7	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buckbee and Clintonville	J. Wetmore	12	..	12	1	..	..	....	....	2	3 60	2 16	3 00	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	.....
Cobbtown and Veterans' Home	....	8	..	8	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE—Continued

RHINELANDER, HUMBIRD AND BARRON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
RHINELANDER DISTRICT	J. E. Coleman, District Elder																	
Rhinelander and Woodboro	F. F. Wolfe	19	8	27	2	..	3	14	65	3	$ 6 60	$ 3 96	$ 6 00	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	.....	.....	$ 13 90
Three Lakes and Monica Junction	J. W. Jones	....	..	....	....	....	1	7	45	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 4 00	.....
HUMBIRD DISTRICT	J. Turgeson, District Elder																	
Humbird and Augusta	E. N. Hawley	47	8	55	1	3	1	6	30	12	13 15	8 10	11 25	6 25	4 50	.....	.....	35 75
York Center circuit	E. Z. Thwing	25	2	27	1	..	1	6	30	3	7 20	4 32	6 00	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	12 30
Jackson county	J. S. Whiting	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	60	36	50	30	20	$ 30	.....	.....
La Farge circuit	D. S. Reed	45	11	56	..	..	3	17	70	10	12 30	7 38	10 25	6 15	4 10	.....	3 16	13 00
Hillsboro circuit	E. P. Zeller, supply	22	3	25		..	2	8	20	10	8 10	5 04	7 00	4 20	.....	.....	5 75	.....
BARRON DISTRICT	J. Turgeson, District Elder																	
Sioux Creek, Burton and Pecon S. H.	A. E. Knaak	47	7	54	1	..	2	15	50	8	12 90	7 74	10 75	6 45	....	.....	.....	35 75
Parker, Clinton, Brown schoolhouse.	J. W. Kendall	32	11	43	1	..	2	12	50	7	4 50	2 70	3 75	2 25	1 50	.....	1 13	19 50
Sioska circuit	W. B. Good, supply	19	2	21	1	..	2	10	50	3	3 90	1 98	2 75	1 95	1 10	.....	.....	.....
Weyerhauser circuit	J. L. Phillips, supply	12	3	15	1	..	1	4	8	4	2 00	1 50	... .	1 02	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pierce county and Emerald	E. A. Wolfe	8	...	8	1	..	2	11	50	5	1 50	90	1 25	75	50	.....	1 43	.....
Menomonie circuit	L. F. Smith, supply	14	..	14	..		2	8	40	3	4 20	2 57	3 39	2 10	1 39	.....	.....	.....
Total	Total	845	144	989	22	26	40	228	1228	183	$ 238 55	$ 143 27	$ 91 96	$ 112 02	$ 71 34	$ 30	$ 94 90	$375 18

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT											
Evansville and Albany			$ 75 00		$ 500 00	$ 120 00	$ 18 00	1	$ 1200	1	$ 1250
Milwaukee, First church	$ 3 00		43 85		401 42	42 75	11 00	1	3500	1	1500
Milwaukee, Second church		$ 1 25	34 28		500 00	60 13	5 00	1	3800		
Whitewater and Palmyra					264 90	44 13	17 05	2	2500		
Marshall circuit					210 00	36 50	19 75	2	2000		
Waukesha and Colgate			3 00			11 87		1	2800		
Sharon						15 00		1	600		
PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT											
Platteville, Arthur, Cuba and New Diggings			15 00		477 00	94 28	55 00	4	3800	2	2000
Montfort and Livingston			16 72		394 60	100 00	41 04	2	1800	1	400
Boscobel, Werley and Fennimore			12 00		158 96	52 00	15 00	2	2000		
RICHLAND DISTRICT											
Richland Center and Mill Creek			26 87		350 00	47 00	15 60	1	2600	1	1000
Gillingham circuit	1 17	1 00	8 00		329 17	69 31	74 56	1	1000	1	700
Lloyd, Little Willow and Ithaca		1 50	13 75		106 86	29 00	31 13	2	1700	1	500
BEAVER DAM DISTRICT											
Beaver Dam			10 85		364 91	60 00		1	2500	1	1500
Pardeeville		2 50	23 55		425 00	60 00	30 00	1	1000	1	1200
Caledonia circuit			15 00				57 96	1	800		
Baraboo and Excelsior			25 00		171 68	29 05	8 00	2	1500		
Oshkosh			37 24		500 00	75 00	12 60	2	5000	2	
Fond du Lac											
Buckbee and Clintonville					30 19	11 65	17 98	2	800		
Cobbtown and Veterans' Home											
RHINELANDER DISTRICT											
Rhinelander and Woodboro			36 93		477 48	40 00	17 05	1	3500		
Three Lakes and Monica Junction			24 40		300 00	21 17	23 25	1	1200		
HUMBIRD DISTRICT											
Humbird and Augusta			18 77		260 00	78 88	27 00	1	2000		
York Center circuit		1 08	17 44		185 00	44 54		1	1000		
Jackson county					8 35	9 23					
La Farge circuit			24 70		300 00	86 18	74 50	3	3000	1	1000
Hillsboro circuit			8 59		220 00	52 00		2	2000		
BARRON DISTRICT											
Sioux Creek, Burton, Pecon S. H.			10 07		270 13	78 11	52 05	1	400		
Parker, Clinton and Brown S. H.	2 25		13 00		148 25	59 23	11 95				
Sioska circuit			12 10		85 50	23 40	7 50	1	400		
Weyerhauser circuit			10 70		45 77	24 07					
Pierce county and Emerald			29 17	$ 30	196 12	26 20	20 00				
Menomonie circuit			6 65		65 00	20 00					
Total	$ 6 42	$ 7 33	$ 571 63	$ 30	$7746 29	$1520 68	$ 662 97	40	$ 53600	13	$ 10950

WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-first Annual Session, held at Iuka, Kansas, August 19–23, 1903

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

J. E. OVERHOLT, *Secretary.* C. H. MALIN, *Assistant Secretary.*

A. C. BROWN, *Treasurer.* T. WEIR, *Assistant Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Sunday-schools—W. F. Cook, W. G. Lewis, J. H. Higgins.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, J. S. Ogg, G. G. Kessel, R. H. Cline.

On Reforms—A. C. Brown, A. Helsel, F. S. Atwell.

On Publications—J. A. Melrose, T. Weir, R. C. Selander.

On Education—J. H. Higgins, Sadie Cline, Adda Baird.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. F. Cook, E. P. Robb, J. H. Higgins.

To Solicit Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. W. McIrvin, M. A. Cook.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. S. Ogg, president; T. Weir, secretary; G. G. Kessel, treasurer; A. C. Brown, M. Wright.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. S. Ogg, A. C. Brown, J. H. Higgins, W. F. Cook, G. G. Kessel.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents), General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' Fund, Foreign Missions and Tracts; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—A. C. Brown. On Reforms—J. S. Ogg.

On Publications—W. F. Cook. On Education—R. C. Selander.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. S. Ogg, R. Trever, G. G. Kessel, R. H. Cline,
A. C. Brown, W. F. Cook, E. E. Miller, J. H. Higgins,
F. S. Atwell, G. Delimont, S. V. Coe, J. H. Brittain,
E. P. Robb, A. Steadwell, A. Helsel, J. M. Young,
J. M. Reilly, J. W. McIrvin, W. E. Keener, J. Westwood,
R. C. Selander, C. H. Malin, J. E. Overholt, F. R. Cline,
R. B. Ralls.

DELEGATES

M. Wright, T. Weir, R. Lamb, R. Porter,
Adda Baird, J. A. Melrose, H. Lovette, J. H. Kessel,
Mrs. Margaret Cook, Denver Archer, W. G. Lewis, Ruth Brown,
Sadie Cline, F. A. Davis, D. G. Miller, M. Garrison,
Sarah Wade.

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, J. S. Ogg, G. G. Kessel, R. H. Cline, J. A. Melrose, T. Weir, M. Wright.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? F. R. Vosburg, C. L. Manning, Harry Peacock.

4. Who remain on trial? C. W. Long, J. E. Crawford, H. B. Sutton, C. Fisher, C. E. Carter.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? F. R. Cline, R. B. Ralls.

6. Who are the deacons? W. E. Keener, J. Westwood, C. H. Malin, R. C. Selander, J. E. Overholt, *F. R. Cline, *R. B. Ralls, *F. R. Vosburg (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. W. McIrvin.

8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Helsel, F. S. Atwell, J. M. Young, A. C. Brown, W. E. Keener.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? E. E. Miller, R. Trever.

11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? S. V. Coe, F. R. Cline; C. L. Manning (on trial), given certificate of recommendation.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. None.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? R. Trever, $125; E. E. Miller, $50; child of J. H. Taylor, $15. Total, $190.

22, 23. None.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? As near the middle of August, 1904, as will be convenient for the general superintendents; the place of holding left to the judgment of the district elders and J. S. Ogg.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-first session of the West Kansas conference was held near Iuka, Kansas. General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided with his usual ability and preached with power. We were glad to once more meet Brother and Sister Hart. A. Lenkerd, representing the publishing house, N. B. Ghormley, representing Orleans Seminary, and J. A. Manning of the Kentucky and Tennessee conference were visiting brethren. The conference claims were raised in full. The W. F. M. S. raised nearly $800 during the year. The spiritual atmosphere was good and the conference was largely attended.

APPOINTMENTS

MANKATO DISTRICT—G. G. Kessel, District Elder, Osborne, Kansas.

Mankato	W. F. Cook, Mankato, Kansas
Lebanon	R. C. Selander, Lebanon, "
Osborne	J. S. Ogg, Osborne, "
Glen Elder, Cawker City and Victor	C. W. Long, Glen Elder, "
Cuba	John Walton, supply, Cuba, "

*Ordained this year.

Concordia and Liberty Chapel.....F. R. Vosburg, Concordia, Kansas
Lincoln and Wilson ..... H. B. Sutton, Lincoln, "

R. Trever, superannuated, Pana, Illinois.

ALMENA DISTRICT—G. G. KESSEL, District Elder.

Almena .....G. Delimont, Almena, Kansas
Logan and Densmore .....J. E. Overholt, Logan, "
Paradise, Plainville, Asbury, Hayes City.....J. B. Hargadine, supply, Hayes City, "
Morland, Ht. Hope and Sheridan.....Dora Gant, supply

E. E. Miller, superannuated, 1012 South Weber street, Colorado Springs, Colorado; J. M. Young, supernumerary, Stamford, Nebraska.

MACKSVILLE DISTRICT—J. H. HIGGINS, District Elder.

Macksville and St. John.....J. W. McIrvin, Macksville, Kansas
Great Bend and Larned.....To be supplied
Pratt and Sawyer.....To be supplied
Kingman and Tripp .....Harry Peacock, Kingman, Kansas
Eden Valley and Iuka ..... C. H. Malin, Iuka, "
Mound Center and Sharon.....C. Fisher; Anna Fisher, supply, Kiowa, "

R. H. Cline, evangelist, Iuka, Kansas; A. C. Brown, Sharon, Kansas; A. Helsel, Iuka, Kansas; F. S. Atwell, Sharon, Kansas; W. E. Keener, supernumerary, Sharon, Kansas; J. H. Brittain, evangelist; S. V. Coe, given certificate of standing.

NESS CITY DISTRICT—J. H. HIGGINS, District Elder,

Ness City, Laurel and Leoti.....J. Westwood, Ness City, Kansas; D. G. Benton, supply
Wright and Wilburn.....E. P. Robb
Mullinville and Bethany.....J. E. Crawford, Mullinville, Kansas
Bucklin.....R. B. Ralls, Bucklin, "

F. R. Cline, given certificate of standing.

LOCAL DEACONS

J. N. Lightner.....Bucklin, Kansas
C. Archer..... Densmore, "
T. Weir.....Preston, Kansas
F. A. Davis .....Hill City, "
E. P. Van Vranken..... ....Pratt, Kansas

LOCAL PREACHERS

G. F. Snow..... .....Almena, Kansas
Evan James.....Osborne, "
W. R. Everley.....Delphos, "
T. F. Forbes.....Almena, Kansas
T. Kingsoliver.....Lebanon, "
T. Mellor.....Lincoln, "

EVANGELISTS

Dedah Burnap.....Almena, Kansas
Mattie Crawford.....Mullinville, "
Josephine Hill.....Cawker City, "
Hannah Westwood.....Ness City, "
Lurenda Bear.....Wilson, "
Margaret Cook .....Mankato, "
Anna Fisher.....Kiowa, "
Carrie E. Cline.....Iuka, Kansas
Anna Batchelder .....Macksville, "
Nora Lightner.....Bucklin, "
Viola Helsel.....Iuka, "
Anna G. Hill..R. F. D. 3, Mankato, "
Kathryn Ralls.....Bucklin, "
Salina Delimont.....Almena, "
Josephine Walz.....Lincoln, Kansas

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

It is a most lamentable fact that our land is flooded with trashy and impure literature, and because of this the minds of the old as well as the young are being poisoned and many lives are being ruined and souls lost. The masses of people all over this country of our

are being affected by an ungodly press. There is no time in which God's people should close their eyes to this reprehensible state of things by which we are surrounded. If there ever was a time when the church should be fully awake, and, as far as possible, stay the tide of moral-defiling literature that is sweeping down upon us, it is now. We are glad to note, however, that there is one publishing house in America from which literature may be had that is safe to place in the hands of both old and young, feeling that it will prove a blessing to them. No better publications can be found than those issued by our publishing house. We do heartily congratulate those who take the FREE METHODIST, *Earnest Christian*, *Missionary Tidings* and the Sabbath-school literature, and would call special attention to the FREE METHODIST. Those who take it and read it are generally the most spiritual and the best informed Free Methodists. Therefore, we feel it our duty to urge those who do not take it at present to think seriously on such things that build up God's cause and subscribe for this soul-inspiring paper without longer delay.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

The subject of Christian education is one of great importance and should receive our careful attention. We are living in what may very properly be termed an educational age. The public school system, instead of being set aside, is rapidly advancing, and an earnest effort is being made by educators to bring it to a greater degree of perfection. Academies, normal schools, colleges and universities abound, and if one wills to have an education we see no good reason why he may not be successful. While grateful for what has been attained and the progress that our public schools are making, and with no thought of disparagement, yet we fear the efforts made have been confined too much to the development of the mental powers to the neglect of the moral. Plato, years ago, defined the best system of education to be that which gives to the body and to the soul all the beauty and all the perfection of which they are capable. In later years Washington said, "Without virtue and without integrity, the finest talent and most brilliant accomplishments can never gain the respect and conciliate the esteem of the truly valuable part of mankind." We give hearty assent to the statements of these eminent men and would emphasize the thought that, while the intellect is being enlightened, the character should be carefully moulded aright. In recognition of this great need, through sacrifice, hard labor and self-denial the Free Methodist church has founded several institutions of learning where students would not be expected to participate in questionable associations; where a premium would be placed on plainness and neatness of appearance and sound piety rather than on style and superficiality: where the Bible is respected as the word of God instead of a collection of legends, and its precepts taught to be of supreme authority. While we do believe in the development of the physical as well as the mental and moral, we do not believe in an education that makes pugilists and sports, and we do protest against athletics as taught in many institutions, resulting to many in impaired health and injured bodies, if not in loss of life.

Therefore, in consideration of the above, and also because Orleans Seminary is so near and was formerly located within the bounds of our own conference, we hereby recommend that we give more especial attention to the above-named school: 1. By giving of our means to aid in this good work. 2. By assisting in securing students. 3. By earnest, persistent prayer that God may anoint the faculty and work up the students so that it shall be not only a thorough institution of learning of high grade, but most emphatically a salvation school.

III.—ON REFORMS.

Reform means to form again or form anew. There are many kinds of reform but the reform we wish to bring before you is that of religious reform. The great standard to which we all should adhere in bringing about reform is the word of God. Erase from the minds of men and society all moral restraint and the natural tendencies and desires of the human heart will dominate throughout the world; and as the heart by nature is sinful and evil continually the result would be impurity and moral corruption. Men become great only as they become good, and all good emanates from God and his inspired teaching communicated to men through the Bible. Nations have fallen because they have spurned the word of God. Look at France. Some years ago her national assembly appointed a committee to look into and investigate the subject, as to whether or not the Bible was true. That committee met and reported that there was no God and that death was an eternal sleep. They burned the Bible, abolished the Sabbath, and set up for worship the goddess of Liberty in the form of a vile woman. This nation reaped in blood in the years following the awful results of such an act, and her history stands before us as a warning to adhere to the word of God.

Among us as a people there is need of reform in this respect: First, in searching the word ourselves, and secondly in teaching it to our children. Some of us if asked to teach in Sabbath-school are compelled to decline or must under great embarrassment study as we teach. Then how many of our children never study the word at all. How many are

allowed to run riot wherever their fancy takes them and first disobey their parents, then break the Sabbath by engaging in baseball-playing, horse-racing, hunting, gambling, etc.

Many of us are guilty of robbing God. Some rob him by failing to give of their means to support the gospel, and spend it for superfluous adornment and selfish gratification. Some rob him of his day by idleness or staying from the means of grace and sometimes by Sunday visiting which not only robs them of spiritual life but causes others to fail in properly giving God his righteous dues.

A Frenchman once said, "The success of the American people depends on three things: God's word, God's day, and God's house."

Then extremes are noticeable on some points of our work. Tobacco, secrecy and dress are not the only outward signs of depravity of the human heart. Some use all their artillery in trying to obliterate some particular sin while a thousand other sins never receive a single rebuke. God save us from ruts and make us well-rounded Christians.

Then again some of our preachers are quite indifferent about some of the conference claims. Our Discipline plainly states their duties in respect to preaching an educational sermon and also preaching to the children and taking a collection for these interests. If we fail to educate and win our children for Christ it is only a question of time when our Zion will be a thing of the past or numbered with those churches to whom God will say, "Thou hast left thy first love."

Then again, backbiting is a sin which we all need to watch against. For one who professes to have communion with God to talk about another behind his back with a desire to lower him in the estimation of others is unbecoming and unchristlike. Let us remember God is the silent listener to every conversation. Then again, in our business dealings let us be more careful. How often is the church involved in disgrace because of careless trading or dealing with one another.

We also deplore the fact that our preachers pay so little attention (?) to their studies. We would recommend that our elders urge upon all our preachers the importance of bringing up all their conference studies. In view of what has been said let us double our diligence and take heed to ourselves and to the doctrine, praying God for a greater outpouring of his Spirit upon us.

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MANKATO, ALMENA, MACKSVILLE AND CLEO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
MANKATO DISTRICT	J. S. Ogg, District Elder																	
Mankato	William F. Cook	22	...	22	..	2	1	4	10	5	$ 7 80	$ 4 68	$ 3 90	$ 3 90	$ 2 60	.....	.....	$ 11 45
Lebanon	J. H. Higgins	30	8	38	1	2	1	7	38	10	9 60	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	.....	$ 2 60	28 42
Osborne	C. H. Malin	40	6	46	1	..	1	6	36	9	8 70	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 90	.....	10 72	41 36
Glen Elder and Cawker City	C. W. Long	23	..	23	..	..	1	8	40	8	7 20	4 32	3 60	3 60	2 40	.....	2 26	46 46
Cuba	E. P. Robb	17	..	17	..	..	1	6	32	5	4 15	2 70	2 70	2 70	1 60	.....	2 00	19 13
Concordia and Liberty Chapel	J. S. Ogg	22	...	22	1	1	2	..	..	5	9 20	5 16	3 75	4 45	2 80	.....	.....	30 00
Lincoln and Victor	R. C. Selander	28	...	28	1	1	1	8	45	8	8 40	4 05	4 20	4 20	2 80	.....	77	36 45
Orbitella and Wilson	J. S Ogg	10	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	2	3 90	2 34	1 35	1 35	60	.....	.....	.....
ALMENA DISTRICT	J. S. Ogg, District Elder																	
Almena	J. E. Overholt	29	7	36	2	1	1	10	40	7	7 80	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	.....	.....	32 50
Logan and Densmore	Cyrus Archer, supply	50	28	78	1	1	1	12	90	11	4 20	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	30 49
Hayes City, Lost Creek and Asbury	J. S. Ogg	15	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	3	2 72	1 54	90	1 20	79	.....	.....	.....
Morland, Franklin and Elliott	R. B Ralls	9	1	10	..	1	..	..	..	2	3 60	2 66	1 80	1 80	1 20	.....	5 00	5 00
MACKSVILLE DISTRICT	G. G. Kessel, District Elder																	
Macksville	J. W. McIrvin	35	4	39	..	1	3	15	50	10	9 00	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	.....	8 27	33 80
Great Bend and Larned	John Walton, supply	10	3	13	..	..	..	..	..	3	2 10	1 26	1 05	1 05	70	.....	2 80	.....
Pratt and Sawyer	E. P, VanVranken, supply	8	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	2	2 40	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	.....	2 32	...
Kingman and Tripp	S. V. Coe	17	..	17	..	1	..	..	..	5	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	3 84	..
Wright and Garden City	J. B. Hargadine, supply	28	..	28	..	..	1	6	20	4	9 00	5 40	4 50	1 35	...	.....	.....	41 27
Ness City and Laurel	F. A. Davis, supply	21	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	8	7 50	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	70 00	.....
Mullinville and Bethany	J. E. Crawford	31	..	31	1	2	1	6	30	5	9 30	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	.....	6 16	20 00
Bucklin	Fred R. Cline	29	4	33	1	2	1	9	50	6	4 20	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	.....
Eden Valley and Iuka.	Fay R. Vosburg, supply	58	10	69	1	1	2	12	90	15	11 40	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	.....	3 50	68 89
Leota and Dighton	H. B. Sutton	10	2	12	..	..	..	..	..	2	3 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	.....	7 10	.....
CLEO DISTRICT	R. H. Cline, District Elder																	
Mound Center and Sharon	A, C. Brown	25	2	27	..	1	3	10	60	10	8 40	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	.....	8 06	46 60
Green Valley and Winchester	H. H. Isbell, supply	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 40	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	.....	.....	.....
Wisby and Augusta	Carrie E. Cline, supply	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 00	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	30 56
Carwile and Ringwood	Harry Peacock, supply	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 10	4 68	3 90	3 90	1 78	.....	4 20	6 25
Dane, Isabella and Tivola	J. Westwood, D. C. Sparks, sup.	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	11	16 50	9 90	8 25	8 25	5 50	.....	5 84	28 53
Dyke, Fountain and Seiling	C. Fisher, Anna Fisher, supply	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taloga and Camargo	A. Steadwell	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sentinel and Poarch	M. New, supply	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 86	4 10	4 10	2 10	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Total		567	76	643	10	17	21	116	621	156	$ 186 36	$ 115 53	$ 96 45	$ 91 30	$ 58 07	.....	$ 82 45	$557 14

Hobart and Lone Wolf, Watonga and Geary, Moscow and Rugby, Ames, no report.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
MANKATO DISTRICT											
Mankato	....	.....	$ 3 24	$ 1 25	$ 236 00	$ 30 41	$ 1 50	1	$ 800	1	$ 400
Lebanon	.....	.....	17 08	.....	369 56	37 14	13 50	1	1000	1	600
Osborne	.....	.....	12 33	.....	350 24	37 64	.....	2	1500	1	500
Glen Elder and Cawker City	....	.....	13 41	.....	288 60	36 26	.....	2	1500	1	400
Cuba	.....	$ 1 60	14 99	....	210 81	24 06	8 97	1	1000	1	500
Concordia and Liberty Chapel	.....	.....	16 58	.....	65 90	....	47 37	2	2000	..	.....
Lincoln and Victor	.....	.....	18 40	.....	272 57	24 25	.....	1	800	1	450
Orbitella and Wilson	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 57	.....	1	200	1	400
ALMENA DISTRICT											
Almena	.....	1 00	20 00	.....	320 00	39 09	.....	1	800	1	500
Logan and Densmore	.....	.....	21 50	50	121 61	61 25	33 42	2	1300	..	.....
Hayes City, Lost Creek and Asbury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Morland, Franklin and Elliott	....	.....	.....	.....	116 34	11 75	.....	..	.....	..	.....
MACKSVILLE DISTRICT											
Macksville		2 17	26 57	2 17	335 79	19 77	.....	1	1200	1	800
Great Bend and Larned	.....	.....	.....	30	84 86	19 11	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Pratt and Sawyer	....	.....	.....	.....	86 94	17 83	13 90	..	.....	..	.....
Kingman and Tripp	....	.....	.....	.....	245 00	35 08	2 40	..	.....	1	4
Wright and Garden City	....	.....	9 50	.....	164 68	29 92	3 38	..	.....	1	50
Ness City and Laurel	$ 57	.....	2 50	.....	121 43	28 39	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Mullinville and Bethany	.....	.....	8 00	.. ..	268 61	42 59	9 00	1	1000	1	400
Bucklin	.....	.....	23 25	1 00	409 50	24 35	74 32	1	1000	1	700
Eden Valley and Iuka	4 25	2 15	51 40	.....	478 75	69 48	20 82	1	700	1	300
Leota and Dighton	.....	.....	.....	75	126 76	15 12	2 59	..	.....	..	.....
CLEO DISTRICT											
Mound Center and Sharon	2 40	1 50	50 00	65	260 00	37 67	8 25	..	.....	..	.....
Green Valley and Winchester	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 48	25 21	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Wisby and Augusta	.....	.....	25 50	.....	200 00	40 00	22 49	1	400	.	....
Carwile and Ringwood	.....	.....	7 96	50	282 31	40 00	10 00	..	.....	1	300
Dane, Isabella and Tivola	.....	.....	15 00	.....	300 00	36 90	10 00	1	500	1	25
Dyke, Fountain and Seiling	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Taloga and Camargo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Sentinel and Poarch	....	....	.....	....	135 00	53 28	31 18	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 7 22	$ 8 42	$ 357 21	$ 7 12	$5801 83	$ 853 12	$ 313 09	20	$ 15700	16	$ 6329

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NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Session, held at Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, September 16-20, 1903

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To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—A. H. Michael.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—O. D. Seward, A. W. Myer.
Conference Tellers—B. A. Scull, C. A. Kress.
Conference Treasurers—J. Wintsch, W. B. Bertels.
On Reforms—J. T. Logan, D. J. Santmier, A. Sergeant.
On Publications—W. Gould, H. W. Armstrong, L. E. Barriger.
On Education—E. Freeman, J. W. Tamblyn, L. Martin.
On Sunday-schools—W. Gould, O. V. Ketels, J. H. Kintner.
On State of the Work—A. G. Miller, G. Eakins, W. R. Tamblyn, A. Sergeant, L. Smith.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, A. G. Miller, G. Eakins, A. Sergeant, A. H. Michael.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—D. J. Santmier. On Publications—L. E. Barriger.
On Education—W. Gould. On Sunday-schools—W. R. Tamblyn.
On the State of the Work—G. Eakins.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

O. D. Seward, president; H. W. Armstrong, secretary; W. B. Bertels, treasurer; A. G. Miller, O. V. Ketels.

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G. Eakins, president; E. Freeman, secretary; A. G. Miller.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. Gould,	S. V. McVey,	O. V. Ketels,	G. Eakins,
O. F. Wurster,	J. Wintsch,	J. W. Tamblyn,	J. T. Michael,
D. J. Santmier,	A. G. Miller,	W. B. Rose,	J. T. Logan,
O. D. Seward,	W. H. Laning.	J. Cavnaugh,	H. W. Armstrong,
J. E. Payne,	A. W. Myer,	W. R. Tamblyn,	C. M. Sanford,
M. B. Myer,	E. Freeman,	S. E. Davies.	

DELEGATES

A. Sergeant.	E. Kindred,	W. B. Bertels,	Lucy Martin,
J. Eberhardt.	P. R. Phillips,	W. Smith,	A. H. Michael,
J. H. Kintner,	Lillie E. Barriger,	A. Swingle,	Louisa Smith,
Earl Barnes,	Nellie M. Payne,	C. A. Syreen,	A. R. Henry.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, A. G. Miller, G. Eakins, A. Sergeant, A. H. Michael.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? A. Santmier, C. A. Kress, B. A. Scull, A. M. Bertels.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? S. E. Davies.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? W. H. Laning.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. V. McVey, E. Freeman.

10, 11, 12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? C. M. Sanford.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16–23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Canaan, Pennsylvania, as near the middle of September, 1904, as may suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

NEW YORK DISTRICT—G. Eakins, District Elder.

Brooklyn ..... W. R. Tamblyn
New York ..... C. F. Wurster
Newark ..... O. V. Ketels
Elizabeth ..... To be supplied
Dover and Amity ..... To be supplied
Liberty Falls, Briscoe, Egypt and Berrybrook ..... O. D. Seward
Big Hollow and North Settlement ..... J. E. Payne
Allaben and Pine Hill ..... R. C. Smith, supply
Port Clinton ..... E. S. Wolfe, supply

W. B. Rose, assistant publishing agent; E. Freeman, supernumerary.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—G. Eakins, District Elder.

Philadelphia, West Philadelphia and Vineland ..... J. Wintsch
Pleasant Hill and Havre de Grace ..... To be supplied
Alexandria, Washington, Avery } ..... } J. W. Tamblyn
Lay Hill, Rockville, Spencerville } ..... } C. A. Kress

J. T. Michael, evangelist.

WILKES BARRE DISTRICT—A. G. Miller, District Elder.

Wilkes Barre and Dorranceton ..... J. T. Logan
Orange, Harvey's Lake, Vernon, Plattsburg ..... W. J. Whiffen, supply
Prospect Hill, Keiserville, Meshoppen and Russell Hill ..... M. B. Myer
Waverly, Scranton, Highland and Glenwood ..... H. W. Armstrong
White Haven and Beaumont ..... J. Cavnaugh
Simon, Ariel and Pink ..... S. E. Davies

Allentown.....A. W. Myer
Phillipsburg.....To be supplied

C. M. Sanford, given certificate of standing and transferred to the Susquehanna conference; S. V. McVey, supernumerary; D. J. Santmier, evangelist.

WINDSOR DISTRICT—A. G. MILLER, District Elder.

Windsor and East Windsor.....W. Gould
Bainbridge, Unadilla and Portlandville.....A. Santmier
Uniondale, Ararat and West Preston.....A. H. Smith, supply
Stevens' Point, Oquaga Lake and Kenyon Hill.....Lucy Martin, supply
Lake Como, Stanton Hill, Kingsbury Hill, Babbitsville, Equinunk and Sherwoods.....
.....B. A. Scull
Walton and Baxter Brook.....J. W. Mosedale, supply
Beech Lake and Berlin.....A. M. Bertels

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

Year of Admission into full connection	Name	Address
1863	W. Gould	Windsor, New York
1872	S. V. McVey	Hollisterville, Pennsylvania
1874	O. V. Ketels	249 Belmont avenue, Newark, New Jersey
1876	G. Eakins	111 Walnut street, Colwyn, Pennsylvania
1877	C. F. Wurster	14 Utica avenue, Brooklyn, New York
1878	J. Wintsch	2402 Redner street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1878	J. W. Tamblyn	South Lee street, Alexandria, Virginia
1879	J. T. Michael	Vineland, New Jersey
1880	D. J. Santmier	White Haven, Pennsylvania
1881	A. G. Miller	110 Bullman street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey
1882	W. B. Rose	14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois
1885	J. T. Logan	13 Academy street, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania
1885	O. D. Seward	Ferndale, Sullivan county, New York
1890	J. Cavnaugh	White Haven, Pennsylvania
1892	H. W. Armstrong	Waverly, "
1893	J. E. Payne	Big Hollow, New York
1896	A. W. Myer	444 Turner street, Allentown, Pennsylvania
1896	W. R. Tamblyn	124 Sixteenth street, Brooklyn, New York
1896	C. M. Sanford	Ithaca, " "
1898	M. B. Myer	Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania
1898	E. Freeman	Woodlawn, New York City, New York
1902	S. E. Davies	Simon, Wayne county, Pennsylvania
	ON TRIAL.	
1901	A. Santmier	
1902	C. A. Kress	Rockville, Maryland
1902	B. A. Scull	Lake Como, Pennsylvania
1902	A. M. Bertels	Beech Lake, "

EVANGELISTS

*Mrs. Mary E. Santmier....White Haven, Pennsylvania.
*Mrs. Calista Fairchild, Pelham, New York
Mrs. Nellie M. Payne....Big Hollow, New York.
Mrs. Lulu Pantley...Milford, New Jersey
Mrs. E. Armstrong, Vineland, " "
*Mrs. Mattie A. Shaffer.....White Haven, Pennsylvania.
Miss Florence A. Bertels....19 East South street, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.
A. H. Michael.....Windsor, New York
*Mrs. Ellen M. Reed....Waymart, Pennsylvania.
*Miss A. E. Haviland ..Rahway, New Jersey
Mrs. Lillie E. Barriger..19 East South street, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Fanny Peverill....Alexandria, Virginia
*Mrs. Lucy Martin....Stevens' Point, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Louisa Smith, 197 Avenue A. New York City, New York.
Mrs. Mary E. Walker ..Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

*Licensed by annual conference.

LOCAL PREACHERS—ELDERS

W. B. Bertels, 19 East South street, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.
G. W. Swingle....South Canaan, Pennsylvania.
J. T. Smith.....Alexandria, Virginia
A. Sergeant.....Wilmington, Delaware
W. H. Laning....1307 Race street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LOCAL PREACHERS—DEACONS

B. G. Ely.....Pink, Pennsylvania
A. R. Henry .2135 West Susquehanna avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
D. M. Thomas .....Milford, Pennsylvania
W. W. Bartholomew....Ferndale, New York
E. F. Dewey .....Walton, " "
E. D. Prentice.....Starrucca, Pennsylvania
E. S. Wolfe.....Milford, "
M. A. Parker.....Hamilton, New York

LOCAL PREACHERS—UNORDAINED

B. C. Fuller.....Scranton, Pennsylvania
W. H. Sands.....Dover, New Jersey
C. McKinney.....Simon, Pennsylvania
A. H. Kresge..Wilkes Barre, "
F. B. Sanford.....Deposit, New York
A. Wattrous .....Windsor, " "
V. C. Ketels..155 Thirty-first street, Brooklyn, New York.
R. P. Johnston.....128 Nineteenth street, Brooklyn, New York.
G. O. Tamblyn.....124 Sixteenth street, Brooklyn, New York.
B. Armstrong.. ....Vineland, New Jersey
George Brazee.....Walton, New York
R. C. Smith.....Allaben, " "
G. Peverill .....Alexandria, Virginia
E. Myer.....Godeffroy, New York
I. Parker.....Avery, Maryland
A. A. Smith .....Uniondale, Pennsylvania
W. J. Barnes.....Beech Lake, "
P. R. Phillips....West Lenox, "
B. F. Schantz.....Allentown, "
I. Sutton.....Orange, "
J. Q. Tompkins.....364 Eighteenth street, Brooklyn, New York.
J. W. Gould...246 Fourteenth street, Brooklyn, New York.
J. D. Howard .....Windham, New York
U. D. Barber .....Springville, Pennsylvania
I. C. Sanford....Island Pond, "
S. O. Watson....White Haven, "
C. A. Syreen.....Liberty, "
Z. A. Swingle....Mount Cobb, Pennsylvania
J. W. Mosedale.....Walton, New York
James Nichols.....Orson, Pennsylvania

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirtieth session of the New York conference was held at Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, September 16-20, 1903. General Superintendent B. R. Jones presided. Four sittings were held.

A. Sergeant, layman, was elected to represent the New York and Philadelphia districts on the stationing committee, and A. H. Michael to represent the Wilkes Barre and Windsor districts. A. G. Miller and G. Eakins were re-elected traveling district elders.

The collections were ordered to be taken in the following order: First quarter, Conference Missions; second quarter, General Missions; third quarter, Superannuated Claims; fourth quarter, General Superintendents' and Church Extension.

A vote of thanks was extended to the president for the efficient and impartial manner in which he presided over the conference; to the people of Wilkes Barre for hospitality shown; to the pastor of the church, and to the press of the city for kindly notices of the proceedings.

Rev. W. B. Olmstead, Sunday-school secretary, Rev. W. H. Kindt, pastor of the Grove Street Evangelical church, Rev. H. J. Buckingham, pastor of the Sherman Street Primitive Methodist church, Prof. B. H. Roberts, principal of the Chesbrough Seminary, Rev. Dr. S. S. Dease, vice principal of the M. E. Theological Seminary at Bareilly, India, were introduced to the conference, and with Mrs. C. Fairchild, Rev. D. M. Thomas, Dr. W. A. Backenstoe, Rev. G. O. Tamblyn, Rev. R. C. Smith and Mrs. M. K. Eakins were invited to honorary seats.

A resolution was passed expressing sympathy for Rev. William Gould in the sad affliction which has befallen him by the death of his devoted Christian wife.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

On Publishing the Minutes.—Raised and forwarded to S. K. J. Chesbro. $22.05.

On Conference Claimants and Claims.—Appropriations for next year: Elizabeth McDougal, $75; Emma H. Haviland and children, $75; Maggie Scull and children, $97; Emily Travis, $100. Total, $347.

Missionary Board Treasurer.—Raised, $400.15.

Paid D. M. Thomas, $110; paid A. H. Michael, $262; due from last year, $68.66. Total, $441.16. Due treasury, $41.01.

II.—AN EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT ON REFORMS.

Romanism.—Romanism differs from the evils of intemperance in that it is an insidious foe. It lays its plans in secret, and, as far as possible, executes them in the darkness. She is filling our land with foreigners, who, while professing to be citizens of our country, have sworn allegiance to the pope of Rome. The greatest per cent. of rumsellers belong within the pale of that church, and the great majority of the strikers and disturbers of the peace in the coal regions are of the same persuasion. She is seeking to destroy our public schools by driving out Protestant teachers and filling their places with those of Roman Catholic faith. Whenever she can get the power she banishes the Bible from the schoolhouse and substitutes her version in its place.

We cannot but express our surprise and disapproval of the course taken by many of our editors, religious and otherwise, and of many of the high officials of our government in telegraphing messages of condolence and printing editorial and other articles laudatory of the late pope of Rome. This has been carried so far that it suggests that Protestants must have forgotten the past, dark history of that church and its popes and potentates, and their present position concerning many of our institutions of civilization.

Dr. William Burt, superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Mission in Rome, which is located almost under the eaves of the Vatican, pertinently writes: "That which astonished all liberal-minded and patriotic Italians is the adulation and praise that has come in the form of condolence from Protestant countries. No one here can understand the telegrams of Emperor William and President Roosevelt. They have outdone all the rulers of Roman Catholic nations, so that the cardinals are now quite discontented because of the very indifferent telegrams received from Catholic powers. We respectfully but emphatically protest that Leo XIII. was not a temporal ruler, but simply the bishop of Rome and the acknowledged head of the Catholic church. If this deference to popery is allowed to go on, where will it end? Is it not manifest that Protestantism has become effeminate? A distinguished Jew, a statesman of renown in Europe, said to me, a few days ago, with evident sorrow: 'It seems to me that Protestantism is going into bankruptcy. It is reduced to mere sentimentalism, which erects a monument to Luther one day and sends gifts, telegrams of congratulation and condolence to the papacy the next.' "

We fear that unless the Protestant church awakens to the real condition of affairs and takes consistent, persistent and united action against the doings of this foreign church we shall live to see great trouble and distress, and behold our fair land again deluged in blood.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." From thought proceeds action. If we desire right acts, ideal lives, and clean records, the source from which these emanate must be pure. There is always a means to an end. Thought must be educated. People will read, they must read; therefore, proper matter must be furnished if we attain the end—a staunch Christian character.

Practice becomes habit, and habit forms character. The young mind can be trained to love good, solid reading, or it can be destroyed by unwholesome literature. Now, then, who shall furnish the good reading which embodies the principles of the Bible as we believe them? On what publishing house shall we depend for our kind of literature? If there is no other denomination straight on our issues, we can depend on none; hence, the necessity for our own independent press for the dissemination of sound doctrine.

No person can be truly educated in higher branches until he has mastered the elementary principles. Neither can one reach great attainments spiritually unless his foundation is sure. Our publishing house furnishes the best in periodicals and standard religious works for both children and men. The Free Methodist is indispensable. Everybody in the church ought to take it. If in your mind there be errors, stand by and try to correct them. The Sunday-school papers are a credit to us. The *Missionary Tidings* and *Earnest Christian* also are worthy of our support. See the fine collection of books brought to us every year by some brother from the publishing house. These are dispensed at such low rates that all can purchase. We are preserving the works of the old founders of Methodism by the purchase of plates and by continuing to print these essential works which others,

embracing more modern views, have discarded. Again, advertising is necessary to the success of any business enterprise. Shall the world and blind guides be more energetic than we? We heartily endorse our publishing house, pledging ourselves to promote its interests first before all others, thoroughly believing in the motives actuating our editors and business managers. We recommend a renewed effort on the part of all to place our periodicals in the homes of our people, our Sunday-school literature in our Sabbath-schools, and our hymn books for use in our churches. We ask the hearty, universal co-operation of this conference in this recommendation.

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Brooklyn	$ 2 00		$ 147 92		$ 684 74			1	$ 9000	1	$ 3000
New York	1 00	$ 1 00	55 00		450 00			1	18000		
Newark	5 00	70	75 00	$ 1 00	762 00			1	4000	1	1500
Elizabeth											
Dover and Amity	1 31	76	22 59		458 22			1	4000		
Liberty Falls, Briscoe, etc.			31 83		* 130 00			1	2000	1	1500
Big Hollow and North Settlement					300 00			1	800	1	1000
Allaben			25 00		148 00			1	1200		
Port Clinton and Milford					18 56						
Philadelphia, W. Phila., Vineland			20 00		462 12			1	7000	1	1500
Pleasant Hill		98			85 19			1	800		
Havre de Grace											
Alexandria and Washington			23 40		602 07			1	1500		
Avery, Lay Hill, etc.	2 50	1 50	15 00		418 37			1	500		
Wilkes Barre and Dorranceton	7 27		95 13	5 00	730 00			1	9000		
Orange, Harvey's Lake, etc.								2	1500		
Prospect Hill, Keiserville, etc.			25 00		492 95			3	2500	1	375
Waverly, Scranton and Highland	2 00	2 00	24 63		514 43			2	2400		
White Haven and Beaumont	1 33	1 70	14 04	5 00	544 55			1	800		
Beech Lake and Berlin	4 00	4 00	12 41		397 44			1	1800		
Canaan, Ariel and Pink	77	4 53	13 66		375 67			1	1500	1	350
Allentown			67 80		698 15			1	3500	1	2000
Phillipsburg								1	1500		
Windsor and East Windsor			6 59		361 18			2	2000	1	900
Bainbridge					34 15			1	800		
Ararat, Stevens' Point, etc.	2 00		3 63		119 53			1	800		
Uniondale	1 38							1	700		
Lake Como, etc.	1 34	1 78	12 89		337 81			2	1200		
Walton	3 19	2 71	45 09		401 00			1	1200		
Baxter Brook	1 00				6 81						
District Elder New York and Philadelphia districts, G. Eakins						$ 919 11					
District Elder Wilkes Barre and Windsor districts, A. G. Miller						947 13					
Total	$36 09	$21 66	$ 716 61	$11 00	$9533 54	$1866 24		32	$ 80000	9	$ 12125

*Ten weeks support.

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Brooklyn	O. D. Seward	41	10	51	5	..	1	10	140	10	$ 12 30	$ 7 38	$ 10 25	$ 6 15	$ 4 10	.....	$ 3 65	$ 31 00
New York	C. F. Warster	31	9	40	..	..	1	10	40	9	9 00	5 40	7 50	4 50	3 00	.....	57 00	.....
Newark	O. V. Ketels	38	4	42	..	..	1	10	80	5	9 90	5 94	8 25	5 00	3 30	.....	41 00	.....
Elizabeth	.....	7	...	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dover and Amity	M. B. Meyer	28	...	28	1	..	1	6	29	5	8 70	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 90	.....	6 25	25 75
Liberty Falls, Briscoe, etc	G. O. Tamblyn, supply	60	1	61	2	..	2	14	85	12	20 70	12 42	15 29	10 35	6 90	.....	.....	.....
Big Hollow and North Settlement	J. E. Payne	31	3	34	1	..	..	..	..	3	9 00	5 22	7 25	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Allaben	Nellie M. Payne, supply	37	9	46	..	..	2	15	40	....	8 70	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	.....
Port Clinton and Milford	E. S. Wolfe, supply	21	1	22	1	..	1	....	....	....	10 72	6 84	.....	3 02	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia, West Phila., Vineland	D. J. Santmier	26	...	26	2	1	3	7	50	....	10 80	6 30	8 75	5 25	3 50	.....	15 00	....
Pleasant Hill	A. Santmier	16	...	16	..	..	1	....	....	1	4 50	2 70	3 75	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Havre de Grace	A. Sergeant, supply	6	1	7	1	..	..	....	....	3	1 20	72	1 00	60	40	.....	12 00	.....
Alexandria and Washington	J. W. Tamblyn	46	..	46	2	2	1	5	45	6	16 20	9 72	13 50	8 10	5 40	.....	3 84	.....
Avery, Lay Hill, etc	C. A. Kress	87	17	104	1	..	4	9	65	14	22 80	13 68	19 00	11 40	7 60	.....	.....	.....
Wilkes Barre and Dorranceton	J. T. Logan	61	12	73	2	2	2	14	110	10	16 80	10 08	15 00	8 40	5 60	.....	13 80	.....
Orange, Harvey's Lake, etc	I. Sutton, supply	18	..	18	1	..	1	..	....	3	5 76	3 24	4 50	1 80	2 70	.....	2 50	.....
Prospect Hill, Kelserville, etc	W. R. Tamblyn	73	15	88	1	..	2	13	65	8	19 20	11 52	16 00	9 60	6 40	.....	12 00	.....
Waverly, Scranton and Highland	H. W. Armstrong	59	11	70	2	..	2	15	67	11	13 20	7 92	11 00	6 60	4 40	.....	18 08	.....
White Haven and Beaumont	J. Cavnaugh	58	13	71	1	1	2	8	63	5	11 70	7 02	9 75	5 85	3 90	.....	.....	.....
Beech Lake and Berlin	A. M. Bertels	33	5	38	1	..	2	7	30	5	7 50	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 50	.....	6 00	....
Canaan, Ariel and Pink	S. E. Davies	50	3	53	4	..	1	8	40	9	13 20	7 92	11 00	6 60	4 40	.....	23 23	.....
Allentown	A. W. Myer	53	..	53	1	..	1	10	58	8	14 70	8 82	12 25	7 35	4 90	.....	15 00	39 16
Phillipsburg	.....	4	...	4	..	..	..	....	....	1	1 50	90	1 25	75	50	.....	1 00	.....
Windsor and East Windsor	W. Gould	42	1	43	1	..	1	4	10	15	13 20	7 92	12 00	6 60	4 40	.....	.....	.....
Bainbridge	.....	9	...	9	..	..	..	....	....	3	2 70	1 62	3 25	1 35	90	.....	1 18	.....
Ararat, Stevens' Point, etc	L. Martin, supply	49	4	53	2	1	1	5	22	4	14 10	8 46	11 75	4 14	5 55	.....	.....	.....
Unionville	A. H. Smith, supply	5	...	5	1	..	..	....	....	3	2 10	1 26	1 75	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....
Lake Como, etc	B. A. Scull	55	5	60	1	..	3	19	76	6	18 90	11 34	15 75	9 45	6 30	.....	5 72	.....
Walton	L. E. Barriger, supply	36	7	43	2	1	1	9	61	4	9 90	5 94	8 25	4 95	3 30	.....	10 00	.....
Baxter Brook	.....	9	3	12	..	..	..	....	....	....	32	18	25	10	15	.....	3 00	.....
Raised at conference	.....	....	...	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	1 34	1 90	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	1089	134	1223	36	8	37	198	1176	150	$ 309 00	$ 185 40	$ 249 04	$ 154 50	$103 00	.....	$ 250 25	$ 95 91

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-third Annual Session, held at Glens Falls, New York, September 9-13, 1903

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, *President.* M. H. KENDRICK, *Secretary.*
W. H. CLARK, O. M. OWEN, W. E. SITZER, *Assistant Secretaries.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, W. H. Clark, G. S. Coons.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—M. S. Babcock.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Reforms—D. C. Stanton, O. M. Owen, W. E. Sitzer, F. A. Town, P. Van Dyke.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, W. H. Clark, H. W. Fish, F. A. Town, P. Van Dyke.
On Education—O. N. Frink, T. Whiffen, C. A. Balch, E. E. Pennock.
On Publications—M. H. Kendrick, O. M. Owen, C. Watson.
On Sunday-schools—C. H. Hudson, H. W. Fish, G. B. Lane, F. I. Labrum.
On State of the Work—F. W. Cathey, W. H. Clark, H. W. Fish, Ira Sweet, J. L. Nichols.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—G. L. Skinner, C. H. Hudson, J. H. Gramps, C. J. Hessler.
To Receive Funds for Conference Claimants—W. E. Sitzer.
To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—C. H. Hudson.
To Receive Funds for Conference, Foreign and General Missions—J. A. Tholens.
To Receive Funds for Church Extension—G. L. Skinner.
To Receive Children's and Educational Funds—S. Ghent.
To Nominate Chairmen of Committees for Next Year—D. C. Stanton, M. H. Kendrick.
Conference Treasurer, to whom all conference collections should be sent—W. H. Clark, 31 East Van Dam street, Saratoga Springs, New York.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. H. Clark, T. C. Givens, O. M. Owen, Ira Sweet, J. L. Nichols.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. E. Sitzer, O. M. Owen, H. A. Rhodes, term expires 1904.
W. H. Clark, O. P. Ray, Z. Osborne, term expires 1905.
H. W. Fish, C. W. Stevens, L. L. Barrett, term expires 1906.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

T. Whiffen, president, for three years; T. C. Givens, for two years; M. H. Kendrick, secretary, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—F. W. Cathey. On Education—W. H. Clark.
On Sunday-schools—W. E. Sitzer. On Publications—T. Whiffen.
On State of the Work—H. W. Fish.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. Olney,	Z. Osborne,	J. B. Stacy,	T. Whiffen,
J. W. Sawyer,	O. M. Owen,	Levi Kelly,	J. D. Osmun,
L. S. King,	W. H. Clark,	A. Smith,	W. Crossman,
O. N. Frink,	D. C. Stanton,	W. J. Riker,	J. A. Tholens,
T. C. Givens,	F. J. Dunham,	O. S. Baker,	F. W. Cathey,
M. H. Kendrick,	D. W. Clark,	W. E. Sitzer,	M. S. Babcock,
C. H. Hudson,	F. I. Labrum,	Perry Ball,	H. W. Fish,
H. A. Webster,	J. E. Tiffany,	G. M. Dunham,	E. N. Jenks,
L. Bane,	C. A. Balch,	G. S. Coons,	C. J. Hessler,
O. O. Burley,	H. L. Crockett,	B. J. Austin,	G. L. Skinner,
F. S. Shaw,	J. H. Gramps,	S. Ghent,	J. D. Jenkins.

DELEGATES

P. Van Dyke,	Carrie Harvey,	J. A. Moore,	Nancy Ferguson.
J. L. Nichols,	L. L. Barrett,	G. Van Wagner,	Jane Kenney,
E. E. Pennock,	Frederick Hessler,	Lorenzo Smith,	Alfred Miller,
Fred Collette,	Clarence Watson,	V. M. Foskett,	F. A. Town,
Cora Gilson,	F. Burnett,	Annie Putney,	Ira Sweet,
Mertie Burley,	G. B. Lane,	E. D. F. Holden,	J. C. M. Hawley.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, W. H. Clark, F. W. Cathey, H. W. Fish, P. Van Dyke, E. E. Pennock, F. A. Town.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. C. Hessler, Levi Wilcox.

4. Who remain on trial? C. E. Christman, Horace Barnes, G. D. Baker.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. D. Jenkins.

6. Who are the deacons? J. D. Jenkins.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. S. Shaw, J. H. Gramps, S. Ghent.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. D. Osmun, B. J. Austin, A. Smith, H. A. Webster.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? L. S. King, J. W. Sawyer, Levi Kelly, J. Olney, D. W. Clark, W. Crossman, J. B. Stacy, Z. Osborne, O. N. Frink.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? W. E. Stuart, transferred to the Iowa conference; M. N. Downing, transferred to the Southern California conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16–23. See reports and statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place was left with the district elders; the time to be as near the third Wednesday in September, 1904, as can be arranged for.

APPOINTMENTS

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT—H. W. Fish, District Elder, Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

Binghamton and Union.....F. W. Cathey, 9 Cherry street, Binghamton, New York
Ithaca.....C. M. Sanford, supply, 441 North Tioga street, Ithaca, " "
Cortland and Summer Hill.....H. L. Crockett, Cortland, " "
Norwich.....M. H. Kendrick, Norwich, " "
North Pharsalia.....To be supplied
Edmeston and Pleasant Valley.....To be supplied

J. D. Osmun, supernumerary, Ithaca, New York; L. S. King, superannuated, Norwich, New York, R. F. D.

CORNING DISTRICT—H. W. Fish, District Elder.

Corning.....C. H. Hudson, 430 East Third street, Corning, New York
Atlanta.....G. D. Baker, Atlanta, " "
Lindley and Curtis.....Levi Wilcox, Lindley, " "
Painter Run and Tioga, Pennsylvania.....H. L. Barnes, Painter Run, Pennsylvania
West Caton, East Caton and Pettigrove. J. D. Jenkins, R. F. D. No. 2, Corning, New York
Italy and West Italy.....J. C. Hessler, Branchport, New York, R. F. D
Sayre, Pennsylvania.....To be supplied
Burns.....To be supplied

J. W. Sawyer, superannuated, Corning, New York; Levi Kelly, superannuated, Tioga, Pennsylvania.

CLYDE DISTRICT—T. C. Givens, District Elder.

Rose and Clyde.....F. I. Labrum, Rose, Wayne county, New York
Alton.....T. C. Givens, Alton, " "
East Williamson.....To be supplied
Ontario.....C. E. Christman, Ontario, New York
West Webster.....Florence E. Deyle, supply, West Webster, " "
Fairport.....To be supplied

J. Olney, superannuated, East Syracuse, New York; D. W. Clark, superannuated, Alton, New York; W. Crossman, superannuated, 69 Sophia street, Rochester, New York; J. B. Stacy, superannuated, Alton, New York; F. J. Dunham, left without appointment, Williamson, New York.

SYRACUSE DISTRICT—H. W. Fish, District Elder.

Syracuse and Pompey.....J. A. Tholens, Syracuse, New York
Fulton.....W. J. Riker, Fulton, " "
Chittenango Station and Oneida.....G. L. Skinner, Chittenango Station, " "
East Syracuse.....C. A. Balch, East Syracuse, R. F. D., " "
Weedsport and Port Byron.....J. H. Gramps, Weedsport, " "
Oswego.....To be supplied
Auburn.....To be supplied

J. E. Tiffany, left without appointment, Delevan, New York; Z. Osborne, superannuated, 206 Furman street, Syracuse, New York; O. N. Frink, superannuated, 1212 South State street, Syracuse, New York; L. Bane, prison missionary, 311 Irving avenue, Syracuse, New York; A. Smith, supernumerary, 320 Midland avenue, Syracuse, New York; E. N. Jenks, left without appointment, Syracuse, New York; B. J. Austin, supernumerary, 507 Wilbur avenue, Syracuse, New York.

BLACK RIVER DISTRICT—W. H. Clark, District Elder.

Watertown and Black River.....G. M. Dunham, Watertown, New York
Emeryville, Fullerville and Governeur.....B. Russell, supply Emeryville, " "
Carthage.....To be supplied
Clayton.....To be supplied

UTICA DISTRICT—W. H. Clark, District Elder, 31 East Van Dam street, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Utica.....F. S. Shaw, 35 Linwood place, Utica, New York
Camden.....T. Whiffen, Camden, " "
Rome.....G. S. Coons, 317 West Embargo street, Rome, " "
Herkimer and Ilion.....O. S. Baker, Herkimer, " "
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite.....To be supplied

SARATOGA DISTRICT—W. H. CLARK, District Elder.

Saratoga Springs..... O. M. Owen, 206 Regent street, Saratoga Springs, New York
Glens Falls.....W. E. Sitzer, Glens Falls, " "
Corinth.....A. B. Burdick, supply, Corinth, " "
Bolton, Warrensburg and South Horicon.....J. G. Cole, Bolton, " "
Johnsburg.....To be supplied
Gloversville and Johnstown..M. S. Babcock, 178 Kingsboro avenue, Gloversville, New York
Charlotteville, Jefferson and Titus Hill.....O. O. Burley, Charlotteville, " "
Troy and Bath.....To be supplied
Barnerville.....To be supplied

Perry Ball, evangelist, Cambridge, New York; H. A. Webster, supernumerary, 82 Sanford street, Glens Falls, New York.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—W. H. CLARK, District Elder.

Burlington, Essex and Waterville.....C. J. Hessler, Burlington, New York
St. Armand Center, Province of Quebec.....To be supplied
St. Albans, Vermont.....D. C. Stanton, 16 Upper Welden street, St. Albans, Vermont
Clarenceville, Province of Quebec..... S. Ghent, Clarenceville, Province of Quebec

The quarterly conference relation of W. H. Clark was fixed on the Saratoga district, that of H. W. Fish on the Corning district.

LOCAL PREACHERS

O. H. Harris.....Utica, New York
Stillman I. Folts.....Ilion, " "
Peter Van Dyke, Fairview avenue, Binhamton, New York.
Harvey Perkins..Alton, Wayne county, New York.
L. L. Barrett....North Rose, Wayne county, New York.
*L. M. Orcutt.....R. F. D. No. 2, Arkport, New York.
L. E. Rowley.....Emeryville, New York
*A. B. Burdick.....Corinth, " "
Warren Hames ....West Webster, " "
Clark Leek....108 West Fulton street, Johnstown, New York.
Franklin Freeborn .... Chittenango Station, New York.
O. P. Ray.....Burlington, Vermont
Orin Fero.....Greenville, Illinois
G. B. Lane.....Essex Center, Vermont
Richard Palmer, South Horicon, New York
V. M. Foskett.....Ilion, " "
*William Sullivan, 7 Emerson place, Binghamton, New York.
George Milem, Clyde, Wayne county, New York.
*C. E. Beeman....Union, Broome county, New York.
Jacob Callier, East Williamson, New York
*C. J. Taft.....Fulton, " "
*C. W. Stevens..189 Circular street, Saratoga Springs, New York.
*S. M. Wilbur....311 Irving avenue, Syracuse, New York.
Clarence Watson..715 Kent street, Rome, New York.
Gilbert Lester..Carthage, R. F. D. No. 3, New York.
*E. D. F. Holden....St. Armand Center, Province of Quebec.

EVANGELISTS

†Mrs. Rose A. Baker..220 Park avenue, Herkimer, New York.
†Miss Florence H. Deyle, West Webster, New York.
†Mrs. Laura J. Santmier ...Sayre, Pennsylvania.
†Mrs. Janette Osmun...North Cayuga street, Ithaca, New York.
†Miss Mary E. Chynoweth...Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
Miss Bernice Abbey, West Windsor, New York
Miss Ella A. Smith...Cortland, New York
Mrs. Isabella White..Elendole, " "
†Mrs. Ella S. Clark....31 East Van Dam street, Saratoga Springs, New York.
Mrs. L. B. Bishop.....31 Lafayette place, Burlington, Vermont.
†Mrs. Asenath Sullivan...7 Emerson place, Binghamton, New York.
†Mrs. Thirza M. Rowley.....Emeryville, New York.
Mary Bently.....Broadalbin, New York
Emma J. Breeds..... .....Fulton, New York.

†Licensed by the annual conference.
*Ordained

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference held its forty-third annual session in the Free Methodist church at Glens Falls, New York. General Superintendent B. R. Jones presided. The religious services were held in the district tabernacle erected near the church.

The conference collections were brought up better than at any time during the past twelve years. Let us do as well as this next year.

Our Sunday-school secretary and editor, W. B. Olmstead, was present and ably represented our Sunday-school interests and the Free Methodist publishing house.

Miss Clara Leffingwell gave an excellent address under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. After the address over $260 was raised in cash and subscriptions for establishing a mission in China. The W. F. M. S. has done well this year, having raised nearly $800 for foreign work. Keep right on, sisters.

The conference collections are to be taken in the following order: First quarter, Conference Missions; second quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

All the conference collections are to be sent to the conference treasurer, W. H. Clark, 31 East Van Dam street, Saratoga Springs, New York.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

Conference Claimants' Fund—Apportioned and paid, $409.50.

Claims for the coming year: Z. Osborne, $150; L. S. King, $150; L. Kelly, $150; J. Olney, $130; W. Crossman, $100; Mrs. R. M. Snyder, $100; Mrs. A. F. Curry, $100; D. W. Clark, $80; Mrs. D. Dempsey, $75; J. B. Stacy, $60; Phebe Newton and child, $60. Total, $1155.

Conference Missions.—Apportioned, $273.

Paid, $263.29; deficit, $9.71. Total, $273.

The cash on hand was disbursed as follows: F. A. Perkins, $50; D. C. Stanton, $73; H. L. Barnes, $15; S. Ghent, $25; J. D. Jenkins, $15; G. D. Baker, $10; J. C. Hessler, $10; W. E. Sitzer, $10; G. S. Coons, $10; O. O. Burley, $10; J. G. Cole, $15.60. Total, $243.60.

Appropriations for the coming year: D. C. Stanton, $75; C. A. Balch, $25.

Amount to be raised: Twenty cents per member.

General Superintendents' Fund.—Apportioned and paid, $245.70.

Church Extension—Apportioned and paid, $136.50.

Foreign Missions—Raised and paid, $125.49.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—$779.71.

Children's Fund.—Amount raised, $38.41.

Educational Fund.—Amount raised, $29.09.

For Publishing the Minutes.—$28.70.

General Missions—Apportioned and paid, $204.75.

To Defray the Funeral Expenses of J. C. Kennedy, Deceased.—Apportioned and paid, $65.

II.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

[For want of room only a part of report is given.—Secretary.]

We are grateful to God, the giver of all good, for all his long-suffering and tender mercies. Truly he has been good to us. Through all the varied experiences of another year he has brought us, and we are again permitted to assemble in annual conference. We thank God that we have not been called to mourn the death of any of our brother ministers during the year. We note with sadness the quite sudden death of our beloved Sister Stover, and Sister Tholens, and express our hearty sympathy for the loved ones whose hearts have

been made to bleed. We thank God for the spirit of unity and brotherly love which prevails.

We are devoutly thankful for the degree of earnestness manifested by many of our preachers and members, in holding closely to the distinctive lines which characterize genuine Free Methodism.

We have great reason to thank God for the revival flame which has kindled during the year. May it spread until the whole conference is ablaze with gospel light and fire. We are convinced that God is ready to work when we are ready to work with him. We praise God for all the souls who have been justified, or sanctified wholly. Five camp-meetings have been held in the conference during the year, which have been not only seasons of refreshing for the saints, but times of salvation as well. Some of the older pilgrims were reminded of the *Bergen Days*. We would not forget the spirit of self-sacrifice manifested on the part of both preachers and people. We are convinced that the day of fasting and prayer for the general conference has been much more far-reaching than the general conference; yea, has it not reached the whole church? We believe the effects have touched Susquehanna conference. May it spread until the old Susquehanna overflows her banks, and the whole surrounding country is inundated with God's salvation.

Would it not be in order for us to pause just here long enough to sing the doxology in praise to God for the good general conference just held? [The doxology was sung with great enthusiasm.—Secretary.]

While we thank God for the degree of prosperity which we enjoy, should we not enjoy a much greater degree and would it not be wise for us to carefully inquire into the causes for our not enjoying a greater degree of prosperity? If we are to succeed as Free Methodists we must hold to the doctrines as taught by the Free Methodist church. Paul speaks of the "man of God" being "thoroughly furnished unto all good works." A well-rounded Christian character is an indispensable qualification. We may lack many things and succeed, but he who lacks the Christian character cannot succeed. Paul no doubt refers to this when he says, "that the man of God may be perfect."

Is there not a lack of measuring up to our privilege in Christian experience? Do we as ministers enjoy the deep, rich experience, resulting from the grace of entire sanctification, and a close and careful walk with God? Are we "holy in all manner of conversation?" Do we "desire nothing but God?" Do we preach and urge upon the church the necessity of enjoying this deep, rich experience? We are a holiness church. Holiness unto the Lord is our motto; it is our ISSUE; and woe to that Free Methodist preacher who does not make holiness his theme.

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BLACK RIVER DISTRICT	F. W. Cathey, District Elder																	
Watertown and Black River	G. M. Dunham	24	2	26	1	..	1	4	14	7	$ 6 00	$ 3 60	$ 4 00	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	.....	$ 10 00	.....
Emeryville and Fullerville	S. Ghent	16	..	16	1	2	2	9	68	1	4 50	2 70	3 00	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	$ 3 00
Carthage	Supplied	5	..	5	..	..	..	....	....	....	1 20	72	80	60	40	.....	.....	.....
Clayton	Supplied.	4	...	4	..	..	..	....	....	....	90	54	20	45	.....	.....	.....	.....
UTICA DISTRICT	W. H. Clark, District Elder																	
Utica	F. S. Shaw	50	1	51	1	..	1	7	30	7	11 40	6 84	7 60	5 70	3 80	.....	.....	21 23
Camden	T. Whiffen	44	5	49	..	..	1	9	58	3	18 80	8 28	9 20	6 90	4 60	.....	16 72	24 83
Herkimer and Ilion	O. S. Baker	38	9	47	2	2	1	10	45	5	9 30	5 58	6 20	4 65	3 10	.....	1 00	10 20
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite	Supplied	35	2	37	..	..	1	7	40	1	10 53	6 30	7 00	3 25	1 00	.....	5 39	.....
Rome	W. E. Sitzer	42	6	48	1	..	1	10	40	8	12 30	7 38	8 20	6 15	73	.....	.....	73 44
SARATOGA DISTRICT	W. H. Clark, District Elder																	
Saratoga Springs	O. M. Owen	74	3	77	2	2	1	8	47	13	23 40	14 04	15 60	11 70	7 80	.....	.....	37 35
Glens Falls	G. S. Coons	46	3	49	..	..	1	6	58	8	11 00	8 00	7 00	2 00	50	.....	.....	15 00
Corinth	A. B. Burdick, supply	16	2	18	..	..	1	7	30	2	4 80	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	.....	60	.....
Bolton, Warrensburg, South Horicon	Supplied	30	...	30	2	..	1	....	....	4	6 65	2 90	3 22	2 42	1 80	.....	.....	.....
Johnsburg	Supplied	13	2	15	1	..	..	....	....	2	2 97	2 30	1 80	1 35	3 20	.....	.....	.....
Gloversville and Johnstown	M. S. Babcock	26	5	31	1	1	2	12	35	6	6 60	4 00	4 40	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	38 63
Charlotteville, Jefferson, Titus Hill	O. O. Burley	24	6	30	..	..	1	4	15	3	7 50	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	.....	2 50	.....
Fox Hill	Supplied.	....	...	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Troy and Bath	Supplied	3	...	3	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
BURLINGTON DISTRICT	W. H. Clark, District Elder																	
Burlington, Essex and Waterville	D. C. Stanton	30	3	33	2	1	2	6	25	10	8 70	5 22	5 80	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	65 62
St. Armand Center, P. Q., and St. Albans, Vermont	Supplied	20	...	20	1	..	2	5	30	4	6 30	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	.....	3 40	.....
Clarenceville, P. Q.	C. J. Hessler	24	9	33	..	..	1	5	50	6	7 50	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	.....	10 00	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE—Continued

BINGHAMTON, CORNING, SYRACUSE AND CLYDE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT	H. W. Fish, District Elder																	
Binghamton and Union	F. I. Labrum	53	3	56	3	3	1	12	40	10	$ 15 00	$ 9 00	$ 10 00	$ 7 50	$ 5 00		$ 1 26	$ 38 38
Ithaca	C. M. Sanford, supply	26	1	27		1	1	4	16	6	7 80	4 68	5 20	3 90	2 60			30 00
Cortland and Summer Hill	H. L. Crockett	61	10	71		1	1	12	50	12	15 30	9 18	10 20	7 65	5 10		3 11	62 70
Norwich	M. H. Kendrick	47	5	52			1	10	50	9	13 50	8 10	9 00	6 75	4 50			83 94
North Pharsalia	Supplied	7		7														
Edmeston and Pleasant Valley	Supplied	14		14						2								
CORNING DISTRICT	H. W. Fish, District Elder																	
Corning and East Caton	C. H. Hudson	45	10	55			2	14	117	6	11 10	6 66	7 40	5 55	3 70			19 25
Atlanta, East and West Italy Hill	G. B. Baker	46	17	63			3	17	80	5	12 90	7 75	8 60	6 45	4 30		16 95	29 90
West Caton, Pettigrove S. H., Lindley and Curtis	J. D. Jenkins	54	9	63	2		3	21	80	8	14 40	8 64	9 60	7 20	4 80		1 77	31 66
Painter Run and Tioga, Pennsylvania	Horace Barnes	36	2	38			1	6	30	5	9 62	5 76	6 42	4 80	3 20			6 00
Elkland and Osceola, Pennsylvania	J. G. Cole										7 20	2 53						
Dansville and Burns	Supplied	11		11	1													
Sayre, Pennsylvania	Supplied	3		3		1				1	1 30	90	35					
SYRACUSE DISTRICT	F. W. Cathey, District Elder																	
Syracuse and Pompey	C. A. Balch	48	14	62			2	15	90	13	15 00	9 00	10 00	7 50	5 00		13 10	
Fulton	J. A. Tholens	42	3	45	1	1	1	12	37	5	12 60	7 56	8 40	2 18	25			17 01
Chittenango Station and Oneida	G. L. Skinner	25	1	26			1	8	65	5	8 10	4 86	5 40	4 05	2 70		6 10	
North Syracuse	H. A. Webster	20		20			1	5	30	2	5 92	3 16	3 20	2 40	1 60		8 50	
Weedsport and Port Byron	J. H. Gramps	34	5	39			2	7	36	4	10 80	6 48	4 78	5 40	2 00		3 00	
Oswego	Supplied	9		9							3 00	1 80	2 86	1 50				
Auburn	Supplied	4		4							1 20	72	80	60	40			
CLYDE DISTRICT	F. W. Cathey, District Elder																	
Rose and Clyde	W. J. Riker	47	4	51	1		1	6	14	14	15 00	9 00	10 00	7 50	3 75			140 71
Alton and Wallington	T. C. Givens	72	14	86	1		1	14	154	7	20 40	12 24	13 60	10 20	6 80		47 13	18 00
East Williamson	Supplied	40	13	53	1		1	10	65	18	10 56	5 76	6 40	4 80	3 20		6 08	5 50
Ontario	C. E. Christman	24	5	29			1	7	60	4	6 90	4 14	4 60	3 45	2 30			7 36
West Webster and Fairport	F. A. Perkins, supply	29		29	1		1	12	54	5	9 90	5 94	3 88	3 50	2 50		3 00	
Total		1361	174	1535	27	15	45	301	1653	231	$ 382 85	$ 227 99	$ 242 11	$ 175 00	$107 93		$ 178 61	$779 71

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BLACK RIVER DISTRICT											
Watertown and Black River	.....	$ 22	$ 17 28	.....	$ 282 24	$ 28 72	.....	2	$ 3000	1	$ 1000
Emeryville and Fullerville	....	1 30	18 60	.....	243 26	20 90	$ 8 33	1	200	..	.....
Carthage	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	11 83	.....	1	2000	..	.....
Clayton	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	5 18	.....	.	.....	..	.....
UTICA DISTRICT											
Utica	$ 1 00	.....	15 91	.....	575 81	55 50	.....	1	10000	1	3000
Camden	1 03	1 25	22 24	....	434 73	46 88	3 60	1	3000	1	2000
Herkimer and Ilion	1 00	2 00	23 41	.....	526 64	34 00	.....	2	4000	1	2000
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite	1 00	1 00	14 55	.....	275 00	30 46	.....	1	800	..	...
Rome	1 57	....	25 00	.....	546 06	50 29	9 00	1	4000	1	4000
SARATOGA DISTRICT											
Saratoga Springs	.....	2 32	78 12	.....	643 20	94 76	.....	1	7200	1	2000
Glens Falls	.	.....	16 23	.....	450 00	36 75	.....	1	1500	1	1800
Corinth	1 12	....	.....	....	189 05	30 23	.....	1	1500	..	.....
Bolton, Warrensburg, So. Horicon	....	....	.....	.....	169 42	21 26	.....	1	1000	1	800
Johnsburg	...		.....	....	15 50	9 42	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Gloversville and Johnstown	.....	2 00	18 92	.....	531 21	28 28	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Charlotteville, Jefferson and Titus Hill	.....	25	3 62	.....	185 14	32 69	4 67	3	2000	..	.....
Fox Hill	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Troy and Bath	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
BURLINGTON DISTRICT											
Burlington, Essex and Waterville	....	.....	16 67	.....	416 00	56 62	.....	..	.....	..	.....
St. Armand Center, P. Q., and St. Albans, Vermont	1 00	1 00	10 00	.....	250 39	35 05	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Clarenceville, P. Q.	1 00	1 00	9 82	.....	515 89	43 75	.....	1	1200	..	.....
BINGHAMTON DISTRICT											
Binghamton and Union	1 00	2 30	46 63	.....	645 35	89 50	6 00	2	4300	1	3500
Ithaca	.....	.	.....	.....	556 00	49 81	.....	1	2000	1	3000
Cortland and Summer Hill	4 75	2 00	70 92	$ 2 24	664 42	81 33	35 80	2	3400	1	1200
Norwich	....	1 25	64 72	.....	532 61	71 85	.....	1	1500	1	1000
North Pharsalia	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1	1000	1	200
Edmeston and Pleasant Valley	....	....	.....	....	.....	12 56	.....	1	1000	1	600
CORNING DISTRICT											
Corning and East Caton	5 00	2 00	34 77	1 50	528 37	57 74	.....	2	3000	1	1500
Atlanta, East and West Italy Hill	55	53	53 60	.....	447 70	66 20	.....	3	3500	..	.....
West Caton, Pettigrove S. H., Lindley and Curtis	2 00	81	13 30	.....	381 62	71 71	.....	2	1400	2	1900
Painter Run and Tioga, Pa.	....	.....	12 00	.....	290 00	28 81	.....	1	700	1	800
Elkland and Osceola, Pennsylvania	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	7 82	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Dansville and Burns	....	...	.....	.....	.....	26 56	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Sayre, Pennsylvania	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	..	.....	..	.....
SYRACUSE DISTRICT											
Syracuse and Pompey	...	2 84	61 42	.....	488 16	73 77	117 80	2	4300	..	.....
Fulton	1 03	....	41 70	.....	483 97	55 97	.....	1	1000	1	1200
Chittenango Station and Oneida	....	2 75	12 17	.....	456 62	33 89	.....	1	1000	1	700
North Syracuse	1 25	1 50	11 23	....	245 00	25 83	.....	1	1000	1	800
Weedsport and Port Bryon	54	1 00	16 00	.....	480 50	42 79	.....	1	1300		.....
Oswego	....	....	.....	....	.....	11 68	.....	1	1200	1	800
Auburn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 15	.....	1	.....	1	.....
CLYDE DISTRICT											
Rose and Clyde	1 00	1 72	14 33	.....	467 35	69 12	.....	1	2000	1	600
Alton and Wallington	1 00	2 42	40 55	....	596 95	85 32	10 00	1	3000	1	800
East Williamson	1 75	2 17	22 00	....	319 76	44 96	30 72	1	2500	1	1000
Ontario	50	2 00	17 62	.....	300 00	32 25	.....	1	1000	1	800
West Webster and Fairport	...	78	.....		468 85	36 95	....	2	1600	1	1000
Total	$29 09	$38 41	$822 43	$ 3 74	14582 17	$1752 14	$ 231 92	48	$ 83100	28	$ 38000

WABASH CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Session, held at Clay City, Indiana, September 23-27, 1903

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

JOHN A. WATSON, *Secretary.* A. F. NISWONGER, *Assistant Secretary.*

J. B. LUTZ, *Statistical Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, H. J. McKinnell, U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson.

On Church Literature—W. G. McVey, J. L. Duvall, A. W. Brant.

On Reforms—G. W. Gilkison, J. B. Hull J. M. Ingram.

On State of the Work—U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson.

On Sabbath-schools—A. F. Niswonger, Nellie Allen, Clark Wilson.

On Education—J. B. Lutz, E. G. Jackson, H. B. Ambler.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. T. Erwin, E. E. Robbins, E. T. Corson.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. T. Corson.

On Ministerial Relations—John A. Watson, U. S. Ferguson, E. E. Robbins, J. M. Ingram, W. O. Cook.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—E. P. Hart, U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson, William Chavers, John Bell.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. B. Lutz, G. W. Gilkison, A. W. Brant.

Conference Treasurer—U. S. Ferguson, Clay City, Indiana.

Railroad Secretary—John A. Watson, Attica, Indiana.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. F. Niswonger, president, for five years; John A. Watson, secretary, for one year; A. P. Harrell, for two years; H. J. McKinnell, for three years; U. S. Ferguson, for four years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. E. Robbins, president; G. W. Gilkison, secretary and treasurer, Bellmont, Illinois; U. S. Ferguson, John Bell, B. A. Melton.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Conference Missions; second quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions; third quarter, General Superintendents' Claim. fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—H. J. McKinnell. On Church Literature—J. B. Lutz.

On Sabbath-schools—W. G. McVey. On Education—A. F. Niswonger.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. Mattie McDaniels, president, Terre Haute, Indiana; Daisy Fritchie, treasurer

Birds, Illinois; Nellie Allen, recording secretary, Fort Branch, Indiana; Libbie Robbins, corresponding secretary, Dudley, Illinois.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. E. Robbins,	J. H. Keys,	H. J. McKinnell,	A. F. Niswonger.
S. H. Lewis,	D. S. Moore,	U. S. Ferguson,	John A. Watson,
J. B. Hull,	E. E. Jenkins,	E. T. Corson,	H. B. Ambler,
S. P. Mercer,	David Cooper,	A. W. Brant,	J. L. Duvall,
G. W. Gilkison,	G. Holborow,	E. T. Lloyd	W. F. Prout,
M. M. Kern,	J. B. Lutz,	W. G. McVey,	R. F. Durham,
J. F. Erwin,	C. W. Haney.		

DELEGATES

B. A. Melton,	John Bell,	Nellie Allen,	W. O. Cook,
Henry Crow,	Nettie Niswonger,	James Tennyson,	Adella Drummond,
Clark Wilson,	J. M. Ingram,	Jane Kellum,	E. G. Jackson,
Anna McBride,	William Chavers,	W. H. Delbridge,	A. J. Vaught,
C. C. Ryan,	Clark Knapp,	J. H. Jones.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, U. S. Ferguson, John A. Watson, John Bell, William Chavers.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. V. Miller, H. E. Woodard.

4, 8, 11, 12, 15. None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. F. Erwin, C. W. Haney.

6. Who are the deacons? First class, George Holborow, H. B. Ambler, J. L. Duvall, E. T. Lloyd, J. B. Lutz, W. G. McVey. Second class, G. W. Gilkison, W. F. Prout, R. F. Durham, C. W. Haney, J. F. Erwin.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. W. Brant.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. B. Hull.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. H. Keys, S. P. Mercer.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? George Holborow.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. H. Keys, $100; S. P. Mercer, $40; Mrs. Pyrla McVey, $40.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Westfield, Illinois, as near the last Sabbath in August, 1904, as can be arranged by the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The nineteenth annual session was harmonious and encouraging. The labors of Brother and Sister Hart were much appreciated. The conference collections were raised in full. The W. F. M. S. have collected $216.90.

The missionary meeting Sabbath afternoon conducted by Sisters Hart, McDaniels and Allen was good and closed with a liberal collection.

On Sabbath J. F. Erwin, C. W. Haney and Jacob Bauman were ordained deacons, and A. W. Brant was ordained elder.

Rev. George Bradfield of the Illinois conference represented the publishing house.

Our superannuates, J. H. Keys and S. P. Mercer, were remembered in prayer and by letters of Christian greeting and sympathy.

APPOINTMENTS

ATTICA DISTRICT—John A. Watson, District Elder, Attica, Indiana.

Attica and Antioch.....A. F. Niswonger, Attica, Indiana
Pine Village and Black Rock.....N. S. Ogborn, supply, Pine Village, "
La Fayette.....J. B. Lutz, 2013 Jackson street, La Fayette, "
Frankfort.....To be supplied
Oxford, Templeton and Boswell.....H. J. McKinnell, Oxford, Indiana
Marshfield.....J. F. Erwin, Marshfield, "
Hoopeston, Bethel and Henning.....R. F. Durham, Jamesburg, Illinois
Rantoul, Urbana and Sugar Grove.....G. W. Gilkison, Rantoul, "
Danville Mission.....To be supplied

S. H. Lewis, conference evangelist, Attica, Indiana.

WESTFIELD DISTRICT—John A. Watson, District Elder.

Westfield, Mt. Olive and Casey.....H. E. Woodard, Westfield, Illinois
Neoga, Pleasant Grove and Kingman.....W. G. McVey, Neoga, "
Charleston and Paris.....E. E. Robbins, R. F. D. No. 12, Dudley, "
Arcola and Camargo.....To be supplied
Sidell and Tuscola.....Joseph H. Jones, supply, Sidell, Illinois

W. F. Prout, Arcola, Illinois, M. M. Kern, Tuscola, Illinois, David Cooper, Tuscola, Illinois, left without appointment.

WABASH DISTRICT—U. S. Ferguson, District Elder, Clay City, Indiana.

West Salem, Mt. Zion and Mt. Hope.....A. W. Brant, West Salem, Illinois
Bellmont and Mt. Carmel.....H. B. Ambler, Bellmont, "
Vincennes, Lawrenceville and Spring Hill.....C. W. Haney, Vincennes, Indiana
Woods Chapel.....To be supplied
Birds, Bee Branch and Island.....D. S. Moore, Lawrenceville, Illinois
Victory and Dark Bend.....To be supplied
Clay City, Ashboro and Terre Haute.....J. L. Duvall, Clay City, Indiana
St. Francisville, Liberty and New Hope.....E. T. Lloyd, St. Francisville, Illinois

J. H. Keys, S. P. Mercer, superannuated, West Salem, Illinois; J. B. Hull, supernumerary, Calhoun, Illinois.

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—U. S. Ferguson, District Elder.

Evansville and Ft. Branch.....W. V. Miller, Ft. Branch, Indiana
Tennyson, Bloomfield and Yankeetown.....E. T. Corson, Tennyson, "
Millstone.....Jacob Bauman, supply, Midway, "

E. E. Jenkins, left without appointment, Vincennes, Indiana, R. F. D. No. 4.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

For Publishing the Minutes—$22.00.
Church Extension.—Apportioned and collected, $79.60.
General Missions.—Apportioned and collected, $119.40.

General Superintendents' Fund.—Apportioned and collected, $143.28.
Foreign Missions.—$9.40.
Children's Fund—$13.04.
Educational Fund—$8.00.
Home Missions.—Apportioned and collected, $95.52. Balance in treasury, $18.35.
Paid Sidell charge, $20; Frankfort charge, $25; E. T. Corson, $31.74; S. H. Lewis, $30; incidental expenses, $.83. Balance in treasury, $6.30.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Apportioned and collected, $238.80.
Paid J. H. Keys, $100; S. P. Mercer, $40; Mrs. Pyrla McVey, $40; General Fund, $58.80.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We have reasons to be thankful for the state of our work at the present time. A spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevails among our preachers and people. In the main our people seem to be determined to hold to the ancient landmarks and are manifesting an aggressive spirit at some points to extend our work in new fields.

The repairs on church and parsonage property the past year are very commendable. This spirit of keeping our church buildings in such repair that they will look like buildings for God is very essential to our prosperity. May the day come speedily when churches, parsonages, barns, fences, the entire church premises, will preach "holiness to the Lord" seven days in every week. And let all the people say amen in word and with their means.

Some good revivals and four camp-meetings have been held. A class has been organized and a church dedicated in Martin county, Indiana. A class has been organized and a new church is in prospect at Danville, Illinois. A new church at Ashboro, Indiana, and at Henning, Illinois, are now nearing completion.

We are made sad to note that on some charges there has been a decline spiritually and numerically. In some instances the decline is very marked and if it continues long will be fatal. We should "set our face toward the Lord God." It is certain that we need a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God; it is equally certain that we may have it in proportion to our needs. We suggest that our people be very diligent in prayer and in reading the scriptures, and be good and faithful servants of God; also that our ministers study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

III.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Recognizing the mighty influence exerted by the literature we read upon the mind and character we deem it our duty to emphasize the need of careful and thoughtful perusal of the good and absolute rejection of the evil. Study is the divinely ordained method of mental cultivation whereby is secured a vigorous intellectual growth; and while we should in one sense be men and women of one book, and should always give to the Bible the first place among all books, we should also eagerly devour the contents of those books and publications which will result in making the reader stronger intellectually and morally. There are many books of this character obtainable and we recommend more earnestness in our application to such. In reference to periodicals there is quite a variety of papers which are very good and which it may be worth our while to read, but towering above them all in strength and wholesomeness is our own church paper, the Free Methodist. It contains within its covers each week a large amount of good, clean, spiritual food. Let our ministers be more energetic in circulating it and our laity in subscribing for it. A most excellent monthly is the *Earnest Christian*. Our Sabbath-school literature for purity and excellence is unsurpassed. Let us be more zealous to counteract the corrupting influence of evil literature by circulating the good.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

True education embraces the entire man. The physical, intellectual and moral life is capable of and should be developed. Any system of education which neglects the cultiva

tion of the moral faculties is sadly deficient. Herein is found a lamentable weakness in the public school system of our country. While great stress is laid upon the necessity of better physical life, and gymnasium work and athletic sports are insisted upon by almost every institution of learning, and the curriculum of the public schools and colleges is strengthened each year for the development of intellectual life, how little is being done to develop the moral life and arouse the sense of individual responsibility to God and man.

We rejoice in the fact that our people are becoming more and more interested in this great work which is of such vital concern to us as a church.

We note with great satisfaction the progress of our college and seminaries and the interest in Christian education that is prompting men to generous giving for their support. These schools have a strong claim upon us and we here renew our pledge of a year ago to uphold these reservoirs of truth by our continued prayers and patronage.

But the work of education is not confined alone to the schools. The home and the church are potent factors in the development of our youth. Family discipline is sadly neglected in many homes. There are not enough good books and periodicals on our center tables. Too many children are allowed to leave school before they have completed the common branches when circumstances would permit it otherwise.

Again the children and young people should receive special attention in the church. Our saved young people should be put to work. Our Sabbath-schools should be provided with appropriate libraries, and the cultivation of vocal music should be more generally encouraged. We believe that an adherence to the ideas suggested will conduce greatly to the spiritual growth and development of our young people.

We endorse and commend the present system of conference examinations for our preachers as being both impartial and practical. We are sure it will stimulate our preachers to greater diligence and make them more efficient in their ministerial work.

V.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The great object of the Sabbath-school is to give a knowledge of God and his word, to lead souls to Christ and promote the spirituality of the church. Every one, both young and old, should be interested in this department of church work. A knowledge of the scriptures is indispensable to efficiency in the work of God. A thorough study of the international series of Sabbath-school lessons, especially as prepared in our own Light and Life supplies, will afford a general knowledge of the Bible.

Early impressions are very lasting and productive of good or evil. Therefore, both pastors and parents should regard the Sabbath-school as a most important field of labor and heartily engage in it. We believe parents are responsible for the exercise of parental authority and should see that their children attend our Sabbath-schools. We heartily endorse the efforts of our Sabbath-school secretary to introduce the Home Department work and recommend that our schools take up and carry forward this work. We also recommend that wherever practicable, normal classes be organized.

In view of the fact that the masses of the young people have their minds poisoned against the truth by false doctrines and skepticism we further recommend that our children be carefully instructed in the doctrines of our church as set forth in the Free Methodist catechism.

VI.—ON COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

This has been a remarkable conference. A blessed spirit of love and harmony prevails. The services have all been spiritual, and frequent overflows of divine grace in the hearts of the saints have been experienced. General Superintendent Hart's ministrations have never been enjoyed more than at this session. His preaching, especially, has been in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. We are also pleased to note that his faithful companion of so many years has renewed her youth and is privileged to be among us.

Our dear Brother McKinnell, while burdened with grief and a sorrow known doubtless only to those who have passed through like affliction, has been abundant in labor in pro-

viding excellent entertainment for all. We miss her who would have so willingly and joyfully shared this work with him, yet we do not dare complain of Providence.

The people of Clay City have with a generous spirit opened their hearts and homes to receive us, and kind words and good cheer greet us everywhere. We would show ourselves ungrateful indeed were we not to recognize and acknowledge the courtesies received at this conference. Therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we acknowledge our indebtedness to General Superintendent E. P. Hart for his faithful exposition of the word and his able administration in the business sessions. 2. Our gratitude to Rev. H. J. McKinnell for the entertainment provided for all in attendance at the conference. 3. To the citizens of Clay City and adjacent country for he hospitable entertainment given.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ATTICA DISTRICT											
Attica, Antioch and Black Bock	$ 2 00	$ 3 43	$ 45 00	....	$ 415 75	$ 45 00	$ 59 70	2	$ 3000	1	$ 2500
La Fayette	5 00	5 00	58 95	....	381 43	51 01	50 68	1	800	1	600
Frankfort	.....	....	10 85	.....	125 00	30 00	20 00	1	650	..	.....
Oxford, Templeton, Boswell and Pine Village	....	....	.....	....	193 50	45 05	14 00	4	2600	2	850
Marshfield	1 00	1 71	25 25	....	373 95	47 91	44 94	1	800	1	800
Hoopeston, Bethel and Youngs	....	1 16	24 00	....	375 00	60 00	111 00	3	2850	1	600
Danville Mission	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	40 00		.....	..	.....
TOLEDO DISTRICT											
Neoga, Kingman, Pleasant Grove	.....	4 08	27 00	....	323 00	52 45	.....	3	2500	1	700
Westfield, Mt. Olive, Charleston	.....	...	11 00	....	126 80	50 30	9 00	3	2500	1	800
Paris and Grandview	.....	.....	.....	....	21 00	.....	5 00	1	500	..	.....
Arcola and Camargo	...	....	.....	....	103 38	35 45	.....	2	1600	1	400
Tuscola	.....	.....	4 67	....	.....	20 02	13 00	1	1000		.....
Sidell	.....	.....	8 70	.....	327 75	26 10	11 00	1	900	..	.....
Rantoul, Urbana, Sugar Grove	.....	....	50 00	...	431 52	50 00	80 00	4	4000	1	1200
WABASH DISTRICT											
West Salem, Mt. Zion, Mt. Hope	2 00	2 00	25 00	....	345 15	57 25	40 17	3	1800	1	500
Bellmont, Mt. Carmel, Keensburg	.....	2 50	43 21	.....	305 05	40 56	9 35	2	1800	1	600
Vincennes, Lawrenceville, Spring Hill	....	....	.....	....	101 97	40 00	.....	2	2000	1	500
Birds, Bee Branch and Island	1 50	....	25 05	....	250 00	64 10	21 00	3	2000	1	203
Victory and Dark Bend	...		7 00	.....	51 45	23 50	.....	2	1300	..	.....
Clay City and Terre Haute	3 26	1 04	65 28	....	446 65	75 29	80 00	3	3000	1	600
St. Francisville, Liberty, New Hope	....	...	25 00	....	284 00	47 11	.....	3	2100	1	800
Woods Chapel	.....	....	.....	....	.....	20 00	.....	1	600	..	.....
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT											
Evansville and Ft. Branch	....	.....	9 36	.....	318 50	55 00	22 00	2	2300	2	900
Tennyson, Bloomfield, Yankeetown	...	....	4 73	...	222 26	45 45	38 80	2	900	..	.....
Decker and Harmony	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Millstone	.....	....	3 48	.....	90 73	37 40	.....	1	800	1	400
Total	$14 76	$20 92	$ 473 63	.....	$5613 84	$1018 95	$ 669 74	50	$ 42300	19	$ 12963

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE

ATTICA, TOLEDO, WABASH AND EVANSVILLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ATTICA DISTRICT	John A. Watson, Dist. Elder																	
Attica, Antioch and Black Rock	W. G. McVey	50	8	58	..	1	3	16	90	16	$ 14 40	$ 8 64	$ 5 76	$ 7 20	$ 4 80	.....	.....	$ 3 00
La Fayette	J. B. Lutz	41	1	42	1	1	1	10	60	10	9 00	5 40	3 60	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	31 45
Frankfort	G. S. Lutz	12	...	12	..	..	1	5	40	2	6 90	4 14	2 76	2 60	2 30	.....	.....	.....
Oxford, Templeton, Boswell and Pine Village	Supplied	35	..	35	1	..	2	10	30	9	7 50	4 50	3 00	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	.....
Marshfield	J. F. Erwin	40	4	44	2	1	1	11	46	9	12 60	7 56	5 04	6 30	4 20	.....	.....	2 00
Hoopeston, Bethel and Youngs	R. F. Durham	30	6	36	1	1	2	8	48	9	8 10	4 68	3 24	4 05	2 70	.....	.....	.....
Danville Mission	Supplied	13	...	13	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TODEDO DISTRICT	John A. Watson, Dist. Elder																	
Neoga, Kingman and Pleasant Grove	A. F. Njswonger	35	6	41	2	..	3	21	90	4	10 80	6 48	4 32	5 40	3 60	.....	$ 2 00	.....
Westfield, Mt. Olive and Charleston	H. E. Woodard	44	1	45		..	2	9	33	8	11 85	6 65	4 40	4 00	2 70	.....	11 18	.....
Paris and Grandview	E. E. Robbins	3	..	3		..	..	....	....	....	75	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arcola and Camargo	Supplied	18	...	18	..	..	..	....	....	3	5 15	2 35	2 00	2 50	1 75	.....	.....	.....
Tuscola	M. M. Kern	7	...	7	..	..	1	5	20	2	2 40	1 26	96	1 05	70	.....	2 30	.....
Sidell	C. W. Haney	12	1	13	..	..	1	3	15	4	3 60	2 16	1 44	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	2 60
Rantoul, Urbana and Sugar Grove	A. W. Brant	38	5	43	..	1	2	10	40	16	11 85	5 00	4 45	2 50	2 00	.....	.....	.....
WABASH DISTRICT	U. S. Ferguson, Dist. Elder																	
West Salem, Mt. Zion and Mt. Hope	J. L. Duval	84	4	88	..	..	3	20	75	13	25 80	15 48	10 32	12 80	8 60	.....	6 70	.....
Bellmont, Mt Carmel and Keensburg	H. B. Ambler	51	4	55	..	..	2	12	50	11	15 30	9 18	6 12	7 65	5 10	.....	.....	19 05
Vincennes, Lawrenceville, Spring Hill	J. B. Hull	42	...	42	..	..	2	8	50	3	12 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 30	.....	.....	.....
Birds, Bee Branch and Island	G. W. Gilkison	46	3	49	1	..	3	18	120	15	13 50	8 75	5 40	6 75	4 50	.....	.....	11 00
Victory and Dark Bend	Frank Cullison, supply	15	2	17	..	..	2	8	50	5	4 52	1 80	1 80	2 25	58	.....	.....	.....
Clay City and Terre Haute	H. J. McKinnell	78	6	84	..	1	2	18	100	12	21 00	12 60	8 40	10 50	7 00	.....	28 40	31 85
St. Francisville, Liberty, New Hope	E. T. Lloyd	24	3	27	..	..	3	22	135	8	8 40	5 04	3 36	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	.....
Woods Chapel	Supplied	2	10	12	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
EVANSVILLE DISTRICT	U. S. Ferguson, Dist. Elder																	
Evansville and Ft. Branch	George Holborow	33	4	37	..	..	1	3	13	5	8 40	5 04	3 36	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	5 00
Tennyson, Bloomfield, Yankeetown	E. T. Corson	41	3	44	3	..	1	5	30	8	10 20	6 12	4 08	5 10	3 40	.....	5 10	3 00
Decker and Harmony	Supplied	3	..	3	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Millstone	J. Bowman, supply	19	1	20	..	..	1	8	30	2	6 00	3 60	2 40	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	6 00
Total		816	72	888	11	6	39	229	1165	173	$ 230 62	$ 109 68	$ 79 21	$ 85 60	$ 71 53	.....	$ 55 68	$114 35

The deficiency in conference collections was raised by special collection.

NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at Gordon, Minnesota, September 23-26, 1903

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

H. T. KROUSEY, *Secretary.* JESSE RANDALL, *Assistant Secretary.*

S. WAITE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, F. P. Woodward, S. Waite.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On State of the Work—F. P. Woodward, S. Waite.

On Publications—N. Trolson, Charles Mitchell.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—N. Trolson, A. M. Kenniston, Emma Fisher.

On Reforms—N. Welter, Charlie Bly.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. G. Norris.

On Education—J. S. Cornish, N. Trolson, A. C. Ammundsen.

On Sunday-schools—Emma Fisher, Anna Partridge.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

S. Waite, for five years; F. P. Woodward, for four years; J. G. Norris, for three years; A. C. Ammundsen, for two years; F. Stokes, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. G. Norris, president; S. Waite, treasurer; Jerome Bartlett, secretary; C. L. Dimond, N. Trolson.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

S. Waite, Osakis, Minnesota.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Conference Claimants' (38 cents), General Superintendents' Claim (18 cents), Home Missions (15 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

F. P. Woodward, S. Waite, J. G. Norris, Fred Stokes, Charles Mitchell, J. J. Compton, N. Welter, A. M. Keniston, J. S. Cornish, J. S. Stephens, A. C. Ammundsen,

DELEGATES

Charley Bly, Jesse Randall, N. Trolson. Emma Fisher, Sarah Hoyt, E. F. Keller, Henry Wietemier, Anna Partridge, Jennie Nichols,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, F. P. Woodward, N. Trolson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? H. T. Krousey.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? A. C. Ammundsen.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Charles Mitchell, Fred Stokes.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. J. Compton.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? A. M. Keniston.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16–20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? $45.

22, 23. None.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Hartford, Minnesota, Browerville post-office, R. F. D. No. 1, as near the last week in September, 1904, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

BURTRUM DISTRICT—N. Welter, District Elder.

Burtrum and Long Prairie.....Charles Mitchell, Burtrum, Minnesota
Alexandria and Hudson.....F. P. Woodward, Alexandria, "
Gordon and Spruce Hill.....S. Waite, Osakis, "
Holdingsford and Brockway.....F. A. Gordon, Holdingsford, "
South Haven and St. Cloud.....J. G. Norris, South Haven, "
J. J. Compton, supernumerary; A. M. Keniston, superannuated.

MOTLEY DISTRICT—N. Welter, District Elder.

Motley and Thomastown.....F. Stokes, Motley, Minnesota
Wrightstown.....E. W. Winn, supply, Wrightstown, "
Wadena and Verndale.....To be supplied
Osage and Park Rapids.....To be supplied
Huff, Philbrook and Rail Prairie.....A. C. Ammundsen
Fort Ripley and Brainerd.....J. S. Cornish, Fort Ripley, Minnesota
Hartford and Moran.....H. T. Krousey, Browerville, "
Fertile.....To be supplied

MISCELLANEOUS

The seventeenth session of our conference was held in the Free Methodist church in Gordon, Minnesota, September 23-26, 1903. Five sittings of conference were held. The most perfect harmony and unity of the Spirit prevailed throughout. The religious services were seasons of salvation and spiritual power, and a number of persons were either converted,

reclaimed or sanctified. Superintendent Hogue was wonderfully endued with power in preaching the word.

The annual business meeting of the W. F. M. S. was held on Friday afternoon and the following officers were elected: Mrs. N. Welter, president; Miss Emma Fisher, secretary; Mrs. F. P. Woodward, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. S. Cornish, treasurer.

Charles Mitchell and F. Stokes were ordained elders Sunday.

Sunday services: Morning love feast, in charge of Rev. E. J. Fish; 11:00, dedicatory sermon by Superintendent W. T. Hogue. After the sermon $105 was raised to pay indebtedness on church. Missionary meeting at 3 p. m., in charge of Miss Emma Appling; about $100 in cash and subscriptions was raised.

The following visitors were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: E. J. Fish of the Iowa conference; W. P. Ferries of the Illinois conference; Miss Emma Appling, our returned missionary from India.

Conference voted to supply the work with one traveling district elder.

On motion it was ordered that the general missionary board be requested to grant an appropriation of $40 for the district elder this conference year.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BURTRUM DISTRICT											
Alexandria and Hudson	$ 30	$ 1 80	$ 42 25	...	$ 372 00	$ 34 30	$ 16 18	2	$ 2000	1	$ 800
Burtrum and Long Prairie	....	2 18	29 30	$ 35	302 98	35 50	25 00	1	800	1	300
South Haven and St. Cloud	....		13 56	.....	253 14	24 70	5 75	1	1000	1	500
Gordon and Spruce Hill	50	1 20	30 00	...	300 00	32 00	15 00	2	1200	1	500
Holdingsford and Brockway	....	.....	.....	.....	37 85	6 95	.....		.....	1	75
MOTLEY DISTRICT											
Motley, Thomastown, Philbrook	.....	1 00	12 18	....	324 67	30 00	.....	1	900	1	500
Hartford and Moran	.....	.....	17 35	.....	186 00	32 00	60 00	2	2000	1	600
Huff and Green Prairie	.....	...	4 70	.....	94 50	21 15	.....	1	.....	....	....
Brainerd and Fort Ripley	....	.....	.....	.....	286 28	25 00	17 89	1	600	1	800
Wrightstown	....	.....	.....	....	120 00	18 80	7 10	1	50	1	250
Osage and Park Rapids	....	...	.....	....	111 32	13 10	.....	1	250		.....
Wadena and Verndale	....	....	....	....	14 00	12 00	.....	..	.... ..	..	.....
Total	$ 1 40	$ 6 18	$ 149 34	$ 35	$2404 74	$ 295 90	$ 146 92	13	$ 8800	9	$ 4225

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

BURTRUM AND MOTLEY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
BURTRUM DISTRICT	F. P. Woodward, Dist. Elder																	
Alexandria and Hudson	N. Welter	32	5	37	1	..	2	14	65	8	$ 11 40	$ 6 84	$ 5 70	$ 3 80	$ 5 70	.....	.....	$ 32 61
Burtrum and Long Prairie	Charles Mitchell	38	...	38	1	..	2	9	100	10	13 20	6 60	6 60	7 92	4 40	.....	$ 3 00	.....
South Haven and St. Cloud	Fred Stokes	27	7	34	1	1	1	8	37	7	10 00	6 31	4 50	4 50	3 00	.....	5 01	..
Gordon and Spruce Hill	S. Waite	38	2	40	1	..	1	6	60	7	11 75	5 84	.....	5 70	3 75	.....	23 25	....
Holdingsford and Brockway	.....	11	1	12	..	..	..	....	..	1	3 23	1 98	90	75	60	.....	4 59	.....
MOTLEY DISTRICT	F. P. Woodward, Dist. Elder																	
Motley, Thomastown and Philbrook	A. C. Ammundsen	33	5	38	..	..	2	10	40	12	7 90	4 86	.... ..	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hartford and Moran	H. T. Krousey	17	2	19	..	..	2	10	50	10	5 10	3 06	2 55	1 70	1 70	.....	.....	3 75
Huff and Green Prairie	J. G. Norris	16	2	18	1	..	1	6	26	3	2 30	2 20	1 60	1 60	1 10	.....	.....	.....
Brainerd and Fort Ripley	J. S. Cornish	21	6	27	2	..	..	..	....	6	4 50	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 50	.....	.....	16 47
Wrightstown	E. W. Winn, supply	8	1	9	..	..	..	....	....	1	1 50	90	75	75	50	.....	2 54	.....
Osage and Park Rapids	A. S. Parks, supply	15	2	17	..	..	..	....	....	5	2 40	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	.....	.....	3 00
Wadena and Verndale	C. L. Bartlett, supply	7	.	7	..	1	..	....	....	2	1 00	60	50	50	28	.....	.....	.....
Total		263	33	296	7	2	11	63	378	72	$ 83 28	$ 43 33	$ 26 55	$ 32 67	$ 23 33	.....	$ 38 39	$ 55 83

WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighth Aunual Session, held at Charlemont, Ontario, September 16-19, 1903.

OFFICERS

B. WINGET, *President.*

M. S. BENN, *Secretary.* J. M. EAGLE, *Assistant Secretary.*

THOMAS A. DRURY, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—The president, A. H. Norrington, J. M. Eagle, T. L. Fletcher, Wellington Hamilton.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—B. Winget, A. H. Norrington, J. M. Eagle, Henry Mellor, Rufus Stuart.

On Quarterly Conference Records—M. O. Coates, A. H. Norrington, J. M. Eagle, T. A. Drury.

On Publications—W. R. Pattison, Rufus Stuart, Nellie Whittaker.

On Sabbath-schools—T. L. Fletcher, J. H. Winters, William Nix.

On Education—M. O. Coates, George Scott, D. N. Plato.

On Reforms—M. S. Benn, John Toole, Thomas Ibbitson.

On the State of the Work—The district elders.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Raising Funds to Publish the Minutes—David Allan.

To Receive Church Extension Fund—Henry Mellor.

To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—J. M. Eagle.

To Receive General Mission Fund—A. H. Norrington.

To Receive Conference Claimants' and Foreign Mission Funds—M. O. Coates.

To Receive Conference Missions Fund—A. H. Norrington, J. M. Eagle.

To Receive and Disburse Preachers' and Delegates' Expenses to Annual Conference—M. S. Benn, A. H. Norrington, M. O. Coates, George Toole.

STANDING COMMITTEES

On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations—W. H. Wilson, A. H. Norrington, J. M. Eagle.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—Samuel Rogers.

On Sabbath-schools—David Allan.

On Education—A. H. Norrington.

On Reforms—M. O. Coates.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. M. Eagle, president; M. O. Coates, secretary; S. Rogers, Henry Mellor, Rufus Stuart.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

M. S. Benn, president, for three years; T. A. Drury, secretary, for two years; M. O. Coates, for one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. H. Norrington, president; J. M. Eagle, secretary; J. W. Stuart, T. S. Moorhouse, Rufus Stuart.

ADVISORY BOARD

J. M. Eagle, president; A. H. Norrington, secretary; Robert Hamilton, treasurer, Charlemont, Ontario; J. W. Stewart, Scotland, Ontario; Rufus Stuart, Hannon, Ontario.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, (1) General Superintendents' Salaries, (2) General Missions; second quarter, Conference Missions (twenty-five cents per member); third quarter, (1) Preachers' and Delegates' Expenses to Annual Conference (fifteen cents per member), (2) Church Extension; fourth quarter, (1) Conference Claimants', (2) Evangelists'Benefit Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. H. Wilson, T. A. Drury, J. M. Eagle, Samuel Rogers, Robert Hamilton, A. H. Norrington, M. O. Coates, David Allan, W. R. Pattison, T. L. Fletcher, M. S. Benn, F. M. Wees, John Timbers,

DELEGATES

Nellie Whittaker, Thomas Fralick, William Nix, Thomas Ibbitson, Wellington Hamilton, George Scott, Henry Mellor, John Toole, Robert Hamilton, George Toole, D. N. Plato, J. H. Winters, William Miller, Rufus Stuart, Thomas Robb, Hannah Singer, William Ager,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. Winget, J. M. Eagle, A. H. Norrington, Henry Mellor, George Toole.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? R. A. Coates, L. H. Iles, A. E. Haley, George Evans.

4. Who remain on trial? E. E. Loveless, J. W. Haley, Ira Brown, J. A. Fletcher.

5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15. None.

6. Who are the deacons? David Allan, Robert Hamilton, John Timbers, M. O. Coates, F. M. Wees, T. L. Fletcher.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. R. Pattison, Robert Hamilton, T. A. Drury.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? Samuel Rogers, an elder from the East Ontario conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16, 17, 18. 19, 20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? $225.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Brantford Ontario, not earlier than the second week in September, 1904.

MISCELLANEOUS

The eighth annual session of the West Ontario conference convened in the Charlemont church, September 16-19, 1903. There were four sittings of conference. Rev. B. Winget, general missionary secretary, presided. Rev. H. D. F. Gaffin, financial agent of the Spring Arbor Seminary, Rev. C. H. Sage of East Michigan, and Rev. S. Rogers of East Ontario, were introduced to the conference.

A missionary meeting was held Sunday afternoon, presided over by Rev. B. Winget, in which Mrs. G. H. Agnew and "Peter," a converted native of Africa, took an active part. The treasurer of the W. F. M. S. reported $831.92 raised for the year. The following officers were elected: Mrs. May Clink, president, Welland, Ontario; Mrs. Agnes Benn, secretary, Box 581, Sarnia, Ontario; Mrs. Hannah Eagle, treasurer.

The following preamble and resulution was adopted by the conference:

WHEREAS, Our circuits in the main lie in rural districts and the delegates state it is almost impossible to attend the annual conference session if held earlier than the second week in September; and,

WHEREAS, Our preachers on these rural circuits get little or no use of their gardens, and the farmer membership cannot give as good support to their pastors when the conference is held earlier than the second week in September; therefore

Resolved, That the present date of our conference session is more desirable than the one fixed first by the general superintendent for holding the conference.

APPOINTMENTS

HAMILTON DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder.

Hamilton..Olive Branch Mission workers, supplies, 39 King William St., Hamilton, Ontario
Hannon.....David Allan, Hannon, "
Kimbo and Grimsby.....To be supplied
Canboro. Caistor Centre, Attercliffe and Montague..T. L. Fletcher; Roy E. Nichols. supply
Ridgeway and Sherkston.....R. A. Coates, Ridgeway, Ontario
Fort Erie and Niagara Falls.....A. E. Haley; Henry Kent, supply, Fort Erie, Ontario
Welland and Wainfleet.....Mary T. Clink, Hattie Toole, supplies, Welland, "

T. A. Drury. supernumerary, Beamsville, Ontario,

BRANTFORD DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder.

Brantford.....Samuel Rogers
Kelvin and Norwich.....M. O. Coates, Kelvin, Ontario
Galt..... Matilda Sipprell, Delia Sinden, supplies, Galt, "

SARNIA DISTRICT—A. H. NORRINGTON, District Elder.

Sarnia.....M. S. Benn, Box 581, Sarnia, Ontario
Terminus, Thornyhurst and Bickford.....J. A. Hamilton, supply, Terminus, "
Charlemont, Wallaceburg and Zion.....
.....George Evans; Byron Stevenson, supply, Charlemont, "
Thedford and Klondike.....L. H. Iles, Thedford, "
Dawn Mills, Thorncliffe and Shetland.....
.....James Ayre, J. W. Winans, supplies, Dawn Mills, "
Middlemiss.....To be supplied
New Ontario Mission.....H. C. Freemantle, supply

W. R. Pattison, Robert Hamilton, supernumerary; John Timbers, left without appointment to attend Spring Arbor Seminary.

TILSONBURG DISTRICT—A. H. NORRINGTON, District Elder.

Ebenezer..... J. A. Fletcher, Tilsonburg, Ontario
Walsingham.....Ira Brown, Walsingham, "
Houghton and Marston.....E. E. Loveless, Beech Lane, "

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST DISTRICT—W. H. Wilson, District Elder.

Ebenezer and Greenville.....D. H. McCallum, supply, Sintaluta, Assinaboia
Westview and Caron.....F. M. Wees, Caron, "
Moose Jaw.....Emma R. Green, supply, Moose Jaw, "
Fairview Mission.....To be supplied
Roseview.....Heman Hurlburt, supply, Roseview, Assinaboia
Fairlight Mission.....To be supplied

J. W. Haley, missionary to Africa.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
HAMILTON DISTRICT											
Hamilton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 30 22	.....	1	$ 500		.....
Hannon, Kimbo, Caistor Centre and Grimsby	.....	.....	$ 40 00	.....	$ 556 62	96 24	.....	3	2100	1	$ 600
Canboro and Attercliffe	.....	.....	10 00	.....	346 22	35 66	$ 5 64	1	1250	..	.....
Ridgeway and Sherkston	.....	.....	10 01	.....	266 42	48 08	1 10		1500	..	.....
Fort Erie and Garrison Road	.....	.....	6 07	.....	175 00	29 00	1 96	1	800	..	.....
Niagara Falls	.....	.....	10 24	.....	95 88	23 50	1 15	1	1000	..	.....
Welland and Wainfleet	.....	.....	13 40	.....	260 00	30 61	.....	1	1400	1	300
Montague, Wellandport, St. Anns	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	10 11	.....	..	.....	..	.....
BRANTFORD DISTRICT											
Brantford	.....	$ 2 00	44 92	.....	314 41	38 83	29 11	1	3000	..	.....
Kelvin and Norwich	.....	.....	17 00	.....	146 75	48 22	.....	1	700	1	700
Galt	.....	.....	11 95	.....	191 10	40 73	3 65	1	700	..	.....
TILSONBURG DISTRICT											
Tilsonburg and Ebenezer	.....	.....	12 31	.....	247 57	32 13	.....	1	550	..	.....
Walsingham	.....	.....	13 00	.....	300 00	32 00	.....	1	1100	1	400
Houghton and Marston	.....	.....	28 62	.....	239 75	35 88	1 08	1	625	..	.....
SARNIA DISTRICT											
Sarnia	.....	.....	28 02	$ 1 00	527 30	40 75	.....	1	1400	1	1500
Thedford and Klondike	.....	.....	13 98	55	238 68	38 95	2 55	2	700	1	450
Terminus, Thornyhurst, Bickford	..	.....	.....	..	320 97	44 90	.....	2	1200	1	800
Charlemont, Wallaceburg, Zion	.....	.....	35 46	2 00	379 42	72 09	3 05	3	2800	1	500
Dawn Mills and Shetland	.....	.....	1 46	.....	267 12	54 12	61	2	1450	1	600
Middlemiss	.....	.....	.....	.....	94 02	25 23	.....	1	600	..	.....
MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST DIST.											
Westview and Caron	.....	3 50	12 40	.....	221 37	47 80	.....	..	.....	1	600
Moose Jaw Mission	.....	.....	.....	30	98 50	.....	.....	1	2000	1	800
Ebenezer and Sintaluta	.....	.....	10 18	...	201 87	22 35	.....	1	700	1	400
Greenville Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Fairlight Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Almeda	.....	.....	4 50	..	89 20	36 86	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	.....	$ 5 50	$ 323 02	$ 3 85	$5617 17	$ 923 26	$4989 28	28	$ 26075	12	$ 7650

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

HAMILTON, BRANTFORD, TILSONBURG, SARNIA MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
HAMILTON DISTRICT	A. H. Norrington, Dist. Elder..																	
Hamilton	O. B. Mission workers, supplies	12	4	16	..	..	1	5	26	2	$ 2 70	$ 1 62	$ 1 50	$ 1 35	$ 90	$ 1 50	$ 10 92	.....
Hannon, Kimbo, Caistor } Centre and Grimsby }	David Allen, L. H. Iles, supply.	74	10	84	2	..	3	16	90	10	17 10	10 26	8 55	8 55	5 70	8 55	.....	$ 65 42
Canboro and Attercliffe	Mary Clink, Hattie Toole, sup..	30	6	36	1	2	..	....	....	5	10 20	6 12	3 00	5 10	3 40	5 10	.....	29 07
Ridgeway and Sherkston	R. A. Coates, supply	24	9	33	2	..	1	5	20	4	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	.....	28 51
Fort Erie and Garrison Road	A. E. Haley, supply	8	7	15	..	..	1	5	20	3	2 40	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	1 20	.....	21 30
Niagara Falls	Supplied	6	...	6	..	..	1	4	20	2	4 20	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	2 10	.....	12 45
Welland and Wainfleet	Ira Brown	15	8	23	..	1	1	6	25	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montague, Wellandport, St. Anns	Levi Ecker, supply	1	4	5	..	..	1	6	31	....	30	18	15	15	10	15	.....	.....
BRANTFORD DISTRICT	A. H Norrington, Dist. Elder..																	
Brantford	Robert Hamilton	29	3	32	..	..	1	8	40	7	8 40	5 04	3 20	3 20	2 80	3 20	.....	25 00
Kelvin and Norwich	Bertha Purdy, supply	27	5	32	1	1	1	5	25	5	4 86	4 05	4 05	4 05	2 70	4 05	.....	29 36
Galt	Supplied	20	2	22	2	1	1	5	26	3	6 90	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	3 45	.....	12 50
TILSONBURG DISTRICT	J. M. Eagle, District Elder																	
Tilsonburg and Ebenezer	M. O. Coates	30	4	34	1	1	1	6	40	7	9 30	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 70	4 65	.....	15 79
Walsingham	W. R. Pattison	39	...	39	..	..	2	6	40	7	13 00	7 50	6 75	6 50	3 50	.....	.....	..
Houghton and Marston	E. E. Loveless	27	1	28	..	..	2	8	65	7	9 00	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	4 50	.....	20 76
SARNIA DISTRICT	J. M. Eagle, District Elder																	
Sarnia	M. S. Benn	28	6	34	1	2	1	7	60	4	9 30	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	....	.....	54 30
Thedford and Klondike	M. Sipprell, Delia Sinden, sup.	22	14	36	1	2	1	5	25	10	5 10	2 55	2 55	2 55	1 70	2 55	15 00	28 00
Terminus, Thornyhurst and Bickford..	George Evans, supply	35	8	43	..	..	2	9	60	7	12 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	6 00	.....	50 00
Charlemont, Wallaceburg and Zion	T. L. Fletcher	80	11	91	2	1	2	14	100	12	24 30	14 58	12 15	12 15	8 10	12 15	21 50	87 16
Dawn Mills and Shetland	J. A. Hamilton, supply	30	4	34	..	..	1	4	19	10	9 00	4 50	4 50	4 50	3 00	4 50	.....	13 27
Middlemiss	J. A. Fletcher	11	...	11	1	1	..	....	....	6	3 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 50	.....	13 25
MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST DISTRICT	W. H. Wilson, District Elder																	
Westview and Caron	F. M. Wees	27	7	34	..	1	1	8	46	6	7 93	4 32	3 30	3 60	2 40	3 60	.....	92 10
Moose Jaw Mission	Emma R. Green, supply	6	..	6	1	1	..	....	....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer and Sintaluta	Supplied	21	2	23	1	1	1	5	20	....	6 93	3 24	2 70	3 15	1 80	.....	.....	.....
Greenville Mission	Supplied	....	...	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairlight Mission	R. Elsom, Jennie Elsom, sup.	..	...	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Almeda	Heman Hurlburt, supply	17	1	18	2	..	1	6	30	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....
Total		619	116	735	18	15	27	143	808	127	$ 170 98	$ 102 22	$ 83 45	$ 85 90	$ 57 40	$ 74 75	$ 55 42	$598 24

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session, held at Cowden, Illinois, September 16-19, 1903

OFFICERS

EDWARD P. HART, *President.*

J. H. FLOWER, *Secretary.* W. C. KELLEY, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, B. F. Grigg, S. K. Wheatlake.
On Sabbath-schools—J, N. Vannattan, J. E. Peck, H. G. Ahlemeyer.
On Reforms—M. A. Cox, M. Smith, W. T. Graham.
On State of the Work—C. A. Fleming, B. F. Grigg, W. D. Cochran.
On Publications—F. H. Ashcraft, J. F. Deremiah, Samuel White, W. R. Bonham.
On Education—F. H. Ashcraft, D. A. Torrence, J. C. Sills.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—B. C. Dewey.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. C. Sills, J. F. Deremiah, A. L Crumley.
On Claims and Claimants—E. P. Hart, C. A. Fleming, B. F. Grigg, J. H. Moss, J. E. Peck.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. A. Fleming, J. H. Moss, W. R. Bonham, F. H. Ashcraft, G. W. Hood.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. La Due, for five years; J. C. Sills, for four years; W. T. Graham, president, for three years; J. H. Flower, for two years; F. H. Ashcraft, for one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions and General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' and Foreign Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants, fourth quarter, Church Extension and Educational Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—M. A. Cox. On Reforms—W. R. Bonham.
On Publications—J. W. W. Kelley. On Education—A. L. Whitcomb.
On State of the Work—B. F. Grigg.

RAILROAD SECRETARY

J. H. Flower, 3111 Sheridan avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

S. K. Wheatlake, Cowden, Illinois.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Lily E. Hood, Ipava, Illinois; first vice president, Mrs. Ella M Smith, Mt. Vernon, Illinois; second vice president, Mrs. Lou E. Fleming. Greenville, Illinois; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Stella Hunter, Cowden Illinois; recording secretary, Mrs. Minnie Ashcraft, Greenville, Illinois; treasurer, Mrs. Emma Ahlemeyer, Laclede, Illinois.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

R. W. Sanderson,
M. A. Cox,
G. W. Hood,
J. L. McGiffin,
W. H. Lawson,
J. Adams.
B. C. Dewey,
C. P. Ewing,
D. R. Taylor,
B. C. Johnson,
C. A. Fleming,
W. D. Cochran,
W. C. Kelley,
J. W. Sharpe,
J. La Due,
B. F. Grigg,
D. W. Sala,
S. V. Coe.
J. W. W. Kelley,
X. Atchison.
W. R. Bonham,
J. N. Vannattan,
F. H. Ashcraft,
J. C. Sills,
J. F. Deremiah,
W. T. Graham,
A. J. Smith,
H. G. Ablemeyer,
A. L. Crumley,
E. R. Banning,
M. H. Shepard,
S. K. Wheatlake,
J. H. Flower,
S. D. Barritt,
D. Kimbro,
I. W. Maxey,
A. L. Whitcomb,
M. E. Lude,

DELEGATES

J. H. Moss,
J. B. Blackwell,
Charles Kuhn,
J. W. Smith,
T. L. Boswell,
Mary Reed,
Samuel White,
W. M. Wilson,
Isaac Jones,
Mrs. A. Lower,
W. T. Branson,
George W. Bailey,
J. W. Springer,
Minnie Edwards,
J. E. Peck,
William Walker,
George Haram,
M. C. Saunders,
Marion Roll,
D. A. Torrence,
A. Copeland.
Dita Young,
M. Smith,
Jennie Hobbs,
J. N. Knoles,
Catherine Reynolds,
Ollie Flynn,

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. P. Hart, C. A. Fleming, B. F. Grigg, W. D. Cochran, J. H. Moss, Samuel White, J. E. Peck.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. A. Stoll, C. J. Turnbow.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? M. E. Lude, B. C. Johnson, X. Atchison.

6. Who are the deacons? M. E. Lude, B. C. Johnson, S. D. Barritt, B. C. Dewey, C. P. Ewing, I. W. Maxey, X. Atchison.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? E. R. Banning, D. R. Taylor.

8. Who have located this year? W. Sherman.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? M. H. Shepard, J. Adams, J. C. Sills.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? S. V. Coe, from the West Kansas conference; A. L. Whitcomb, from the Illinois conference; J. W. W. Kelley, from the Kentucky and Tennessee conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16–23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Lewiston, Illinois, as near the middle of September, 1904, as will suit the plans of the general superintendents.

APPOINTMENTS

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—C. A. Fleming, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois.

Greenville.....A. L. Whitcomb, Greenville, Illinois
Woburn and Sorento..... C. P. Ewing, Durley, "
Vandalia.....E. R. Banning, Vandalia, "
Dudleyville and Mulberry Grove.....C. J. Turnbow, Dudleyville, "
Keysport.....C. A. Stoll, Greenville, "
Coffeen and Bingham.....S. V. Coe, Coffeen, "

Dutch Hollow and Alma.....X. Atchison, O'Fallon, Illinois
St. Louis.....J. H. Flower, 3111 Sheridan avenue, St. Louis, Missouri

J. W. Sharpe, W. R. Bonham, F. H. Ashcraft, D. Kimbro, all of Greenville, Illinois, J. L. McGiffin, evangelists; J. Adams, Greenville, Illinois, J. C. Sills, Coffeen, Illinois, superannuated; J. La Due, professor in Greenville College; W. Sherman, located.

The membership of the district elder was fixed on the Greenville district.

LITCHFIELD DISTRICT—C. A. Fleming, District Elder.

Litchfield.....M. E. Lude, Litchfield, Illinois
Hettick.....B. C. Johnson, Hettick, "
Raymond.....To be supplied
Hillsboro and Irving.....M. A. Cox, Hillsboro, Illinois

COWDEN DISTRICT—B. F. Grigg, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois, R. F. D. No. 3.

Cowden and Bethany.....S. K. Wheatlake, Cowden, Illinois
Shelbyville and Sylvan.....B. F. Ray, Shelbyville, "
St. James and Laclede.....H. G. Ahlemeyer, Laclede, "
Lovington and Bethany.....I. W. Maxey, Decatur, "
Tower Hill, Lakewood and Cold Spring.....R. W. Sanderson, Tower Hill, "
Pana, Ohlman and Robert's Chapel.....J. N. Vannattan, Pana, "
Mt. Vernon and Home.....A. J. Smith, Mt. Vernon, "
Taylorville and Owaneco County.....D. W. Sala, Taylorville, "

B. C. Dewey, evangelist, Pana, Illinois.

IPAVA DISTRICT—W. D. Cochran, District Elder, Macomb, Illinois.

Ipava and Summum.....G. W. Hood, Ipava, Illinois
Vermont, Christian Neck and Bethany.....W. C. Kelley, Vermont, "
Lewiston and Dunfermline.....J. F. Deremiah, Lewiston, "
Macomb.....J. W. W. Kelley, Macomb, "
Colchester.....W. H. Lawson, Colchester, "
Bluffs, Naples and Valley City.....Minnie Barritt, supply, Bluffs, "
Dallas City, Durham, Lomax and Carman.....S. D. Barritt, Colchester, "
Antioch and Fairfield.....W. T. Graham, Rushville, "

A. L. Crumley, D. R. Taylor, evangelists; M. H. Shepard, 406 East Franklin avenue, Monmouth, Illinois, superannuated.

The membership of the district elder was fixed on the Ipava district.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT—W. D. Cochran, District Elder.

Jacksonville.....To be supplied
Mason City, Forest and Athens.....Thomas Symons, supply, Forest City, Illinois
Hopedale and Big Grove.....W. Irwin, supply

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

Lillie E. Hood.....Ipava, Illinois
Mollie Lawson.....Colchester, "
B. F. Gill.....Macomb, "
Ethel Knowles.....Mason City, "
Mollie E. Dewey.....Pana, "
Samuel Fowler.....Cowden, "
Ella M. Smith.....Mt. Vernon, "
John Minor.....Greenville, "
Marguerite Barnes....Greenville, "
Frank Upchurch.....Eldorado, "
Jessie Reynolds.....Laclede, "
T. A. Smith.....Hopedale, "
J. M. Shuler.....Owaneco, "
E. L. McGeary.....Greenville, "
Lou E. Fleming.....Greenville, "
John Thomson.....Macomb, "
T. L. Boswell.....Mt. Vernon, "
Emma Ahlemeyer.....Laclede, "
R. C. Nowlen.....St. James, "
Etta S. Kelley.....Vermont, Illinois
J. M. Hull....La Harpe, R. F. D. 1, "
Mary E. Kelley.....Macomb, "
Dita Young.....Greenville, "
E. F. Barritt.....Colchester, "
Lulu Ewing.....Durley, "
Blanche Cook.....Pana, "
Minnie Barritt.....Bluffs, "
Lillie Taylor.....Pana, "
Mike Smith.....Shelbyville, "
T. Symons.....Mason City, "
Samuel Dyer.....Athens, "
Rosa Sala.....Taylorville, "
Alberta Bonham.....Greenville, Illinois
Minnie E. Ashcraft.....Greenville, Illinois
Joseph Barker.....Green Valley, "
Carrie M. Flower..3111 Sheridan avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.
T. J. Turnbow.....Dudleyville, Illinois
Kate Coe.....Coffeen, Illinois

MISCELLANEOUS

A blessed spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevailed all through the conference.

To find our general superintendent and his wife enjoying so much of the blessing of the Lord amid their arduous toil and advanced years, was an inspiration to us all. God bless Brother and Sister Hart.

If all of our eight evangelists follow Paul's instructions to Timothy, "Do the work of an evangelist," we may look for an increase in blessing, power and membership in the conference during the coming year.

The last fifteen minutes of each sitting were devoted to an address by the general superintendent, which was very helpful and inspiring. The publishing house was represented by Rev. George Bradfield of Freeport, Illinois.

At the last sitting, a collection was taken to cover all present and past deficiencies in the conference claims. The conference is now out of debt.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Whereas, we regard the press as one of the most potent factors for either good or evil in our land to-day; and whereas, the enemy of all righteousness is quick to utilize every available agency for the advancement of his diabolical work among men, it is not surprising that we have what is termed the "sewer press," which stands for a synonym for all that is corrupt and corrupting in modern literature.

Continuing the figure: We see the almost countless throngs of readers allowing this great sewer to empty its putrid stream of literary filth into their minds and hearts. As the legitimate fruitage of this state of perverted mental and moral training, we see great numbers of young men and women with decidedly defective ideals of life and its responsibilities. They have little or no relish for the solids in literature, with very meager appreciation of the high concerns of eternal things or right living.

In view of this condition of things so increasingly prevalent among the people we believe it to be the sacred duty of the church of Jesus Christ to do all in her power to neutralize and destroy the power and influence of the "sewer press" by the widest possible dissemination of pure, elevating literature. We know of no purer or better literature than that published at our own publishing house.

We rejoice in the increasing prosperity which this department of our work is enjoying. We should not be satisfied, however, until the FREE METHODIST is in every Free Methodist home in this conference. We fear that spiritual decline has set in where the Free Methodists begin to practice economy by cutting off the church paper while they allow the secular paper to make its regular visits to their homes. Is it possible that holy men can show their preference for the market reports, the doings of the board of trade, the latest social fad, or political scandal, to the soul-stirring articles and reports of salvation victories filling the columns of our excellent church paper?

Let all our people take and read the FREE METHODIST, also the excellent books put forth by our publishing house, as an enterprise worthy of our sympathy and patronage, within the bounds of our own conference.

We would also call attention to the *Free Gospel Banner*, edited and published by J. H. Flower, in the midst of a newly begun work in St. Louis, Missouri. We would urge our people to encourage our brother in this work by subscribing for the paper. We would also mention the *New Voice* as a journal of good citizenship, a defender of civic righteousness, and an able exponent of the possibility and principles of sanctification in politics.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

The subject of education is a very important one. There is perhaps but one thing more important than the training and developing of the mind of the youth, the salvation of the soul. We are living in an age when great attention is being given to the subject of education. In this country the masses have the opportunity of a liberal education.

Education has ever been a powerful factor in directing the affairs of men. There never was a time in the history of this country when this fact was more fully recognized than it is during the present decade. This is evidenced by the stupendous outlay of money in this great republic for educational purposes. Though there are many abuses of learning, as a people we recognize the advantage of an education sanctified to God. The worldly and skeptical tendencies so prevalent in the public schools and institutions of learning prevail to such an extent that the probability of securing the salvation of the student is almost impossible. We are glad to note the fact that the Free Methodist church has established and is maintaining at a great sacrifice educational institutions which teach not only mental development, but pure and undefiled religion both by precept and example. The holy

Bible is honored as God's direct word to mankind. A holy atmosphere pervades the institutions that is well calculated to bring conviction and a speedy conversion to God.

We note with pleasure that Greenville College, our own conference school, is in a better condition than ever before, under the able superintendency of President Hogue and his efficient faculty. Greenville College reached her zenith of success the past year; but the twelfth year of her history opens still more encouragingly. The enrollment is much larger than in any previous year, and we look for a harvest of souls during the school year. But if this work succeeds as it should we must be united in the effort and responsibility of the work.

An effectual door is opening to the Central Illinois conference in the work of Greenville College. Seldom do such opportunities offer themselves as does the college work to this conference. There is much to be done. There is a call for money and sacrificing service if this school fully meets the demands of the work already in sight.

We urge every FREE METHODIST family to stand by this school. First, by giving your prayers; second, by sending your children; third, by giving to it of your means.

We recommend, first, that the board of trustees should secure a financial agent and that the pastors of this and all patronizing conferences heartily co-operate with the said agent in his efforts to raise the needed means to further the work of the college.

We recommend, second, that the pastors of this conference hold one service at each preaching point on his circuit in the interest of Greenville College.

We recommend, third, that the conference hold an educational service during this session in the interest of Greenville College.

III.—ON REFORMS.

There can be no genuine religion without reformation, but reformation is not religion, only the result of it; and as long as our religion is genuine, our reformation will be complete.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—We believe that secrecy is incompatible with Christian experience; also with the true spirit of republican government. We believe that the teachings of the Bible are against such societies. Jesus said: "In secret have I said nothing." Also, "Thou shalt not forswear thyself," which forswearing is required by all secret societies; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Free Methodist conference, use all means that love would dictate to overcome and enlighten the people in regard to the pernicious and baneful effects of secret societies.

TEMPERANCE.—We believe intemperance to be the greatest curse of the age. It brings debased morals, withered hearts, crushed homes, blighted prospects, widow's wailings, tears to children, groans to fathers, sobs to mothers, and shrieks to maniacs. In addition to this, we must consider the worth of the lives of the murdered ones, and the value of souls that are dragged down to the pit of hell, by this demon intemperance; therefore,

Resolved, That we as a conference and people are in favor of prohibiting by law, the manufacture, importation and sale of all intoxicating liquors, and furthermore we pledge our influence, our means, our prayers and our votes to the accomplishment of this end. And we agree to withhold our support from any person who is not pledged (if elected) to use his influence to carry out, as we believe, these principles of righteousness.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—The will and economy of God are in accord with the requirements and demands of our spiritual and physical being. We need rest and spiritual refreshment. God set apart and sanctified one day of the seven for this purpose. We need the hallowed influences coming to us from the old Sabbath. We need the glorious resurrection memories coming to us from the new, which, if observed according to the laws of God and man, will build us up in personal experience and national usefulness, making us more helpful and our influence more potent. Then our light as a nation will so shine that it will fall upon hill-tops that are still farther away. A loss of reverence and sanctity for the Christian Sabbath is to be deplored by all serious and godly persons. We believe it is one of the greatest problems that confronts the church and ministry. We know that there are many other evils—evils that are cruel—evils that are gigantic—evils that are diabolical, but give us back the sanctity and sacredness of the Sabbath that we once had. Then we will close the saloon, tear the mask from the lodge, put the blush of shame upon Catholicism, and subordinate almost every other evil to the sacredness and sanctifying influence of the old-time Sabbath. But, with the rattle of the Sunday train, the screech of the steamboat whistle, many of them loaded with thousands of would-be Christians, bent on seeking pleasure, rather than God, together with the street cars, the milk wagons and the electric plant, each of which requires manual labor on the Sabbath, and this labor destroys the reverence and sanctity for the day. Can we recover what we have lost, until we abandon these things and cease to partake of the evil?

ON DRESS.—We are glad to note the absence of worldly conformity among our membership in the matter of dress, yet we would continue to warn all to be modest in their apparel, to dress according to the word of God, and observe the teaching of our Discipline in this particular, not because wise and good men have said so, but for conscience' sake.

IV.—ON FINANCE.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned, $438.30.
Collected, $447.97; surplus, $9.67.
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Apportioned, $262.98.
Collected, $253.28; deficit, $9.70. Total, $262.98.
GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned, $219.15.
Collected, $206.40; deficit, $12.75. Total, $219.15.
CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned, $146.10.
Collected, $135.65; deficit, $10.45. Total, $146.10.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Apportioned, $146.10.
Collected, $139.60; deficit, $6.50 Total, $146.10.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—Amount collected, $55.46.
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—$352.01.
EDUCATIONAL FUND.—$16.20.
CHILDREN'S FUND.—$9.61.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GREENVILLE DISTRICT											
Greenville			$ 163 59		$ 576 45	$ 114 31	$ 85 00	1	$ 4000		
Woburn and Sorento			49 60		304 41	52 10	12 34	3	2500		
Vandalia			10 34		60 00	24 15	10 27	1	1000		
Dudleyville and Millersburg			3 00		125 64	18 00		2	1000	1	$ 500
Coffeen					204 70	45 70	25 00	1	800	1	600
Keysport			18 50		47 00	17 75	5 50	1	500		
Dutch Hollow and Alma			16 00		403 65	40 00		2	1500	1	300
St. Louis											
LITCHFIELD DISTRICT											
Litchfield			20 72		304 97	32 03	33 86	1	1350	1	650
Raymond and Honey Bend			4 98		43 63	10 00	19 09	2	1800		
Hettick			8 03		175 08	32 4	10 05	1	300		
Taylorville and Owaneco			30 15	$ 1 00	412 00	50 00		3	3500	1	700
Hillsboro and Irving			39 00		456 76	50 00	30 00	2	2000	1	800
COWDEN DISTRICT											
Cowden and Bethany	$ 1 50	$ 2 04	50 12		462 13	82 29		2	1200	1	600
Shelbyville			26 80		140 60	28 25	10 00	1	1000		
Sylvan and Stewardson	1 90		12 00			19 05	6 00	1	600		
St. James and Laclede	7 30	3 07	46 04	50	415 12	69 84	46 01	2	1800	1	600
Lovington and Bethany					264 60	37 30		2	1200		
Tower Hill and Lakewood	3 00		50 14	2 00	375 00	50 00	12 50	3	2800	1	700
Pana and Ohlman		4 50	49 32		454 28	51 95	13 50	3	2700	1	600
Mt. Vernon and Home			24 00	25	148 78	30 00		2	1500		
Bingham and Ramsey	1 00		7 70		248 31	32 00		1	1000	1	350
IPAVA DISTRICT											
Ipava and Summum			14 00		320 07	43 74		1	500	1	800
Vermont and Ray			28 00		400 00	48 00	6 23	2	2500	1	400
Antioch and Fairfield			50 00		375 00	80 00	40 00	3	2800	1	550
Colchester	1 00		20 00		402 30	71 95	40 00	3	3100	1	600
Macomb			20 44		385 00	55 00	25 49	1	2000		
Webster and Liberty		50			65 44	19 65		2	1450		
Carman and Dallas City			25 00		330 00	44 85	25 00	1	1000		
Lewiston			65 57		563 10	62 60	96 67	3	2000	1	800
Naples and Bluffs			20 72		304 97	32 03	33 86	1	1350	1	650
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT											
Jacksonville											
Athens and Kilbourne					161 82	16 00		2	1200	1	700
Hopedale and Big Grove					72 75	28 00		3	1500	1	300
Forest City			14 98		100 00	28 40	35 00				
Mason City			5 94		163 70	28 32		1	2100	1	700
Total	$16 20	$ 9 61	$ 873 90	$ 3 75	$9201 59	$1449 90	$ 611 54	61	$ 55600	19	$ 11450

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GREENVILLE, LITCHFIELD AND COWDEN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
GREENVILLE DISTRICT	C. A. Fleming District Elder																	
Greenville	W. R Bonham	203	7	210	6	5	1	21	225	50	$ 66 90	$ 33 45	$ 23 30	$ 33 45	$ 23 30	.....	.....	$141 30
Woburn and Sorento	C. P. Ewing	75	6	81	..	1	3	24	125	13	24 85	12 78	7 10	10 65	7 10	.....	.....	.....
Vandalia	Ezra Whitton, supply	12	...	12	..	..	1	5	25	2	4 00	1 80	1 00	2 20	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Dudleyville and Millersburg	C. J Turnbow, supply	18	..	18	..	..	1	4	15	2	6 40	3 60	2 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Coffeen	J. C. Sills	44	...	44	..	2	1	5	10	5	14 00	8 20	4 00	6 50	4 00	.....	.....	.....
Keysport	C. A. Stoll, supply	6	7	13	..	..	1	5	30	2	70	36	20	30	20	.....	.....	.....
Dutch Hollow and Alma	J. L. McGiffin	15	...	15	2	..	1	5	25	4	7 34	6 96	2 20	3 30	2 00	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis	J. H. Flower	40	37	77	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LITCHFIELD DISTRICT	C. A. Fleming, District Elder																	
Litchfield	I. W. Maxey	40	7	47	..	..	1	14	57	10	15 30	7 20	4 00	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....
Raymond and Honey Bend	Lillie Taylor, supply	9	...	9	1	..	1	5	22	1	3 00	1 80	1 00	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Hettick	B. C. Johnson	19	2	21	1	1	1	7	35	3	5 40	3 24	1 80	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....
Taylorville and Owaneco	D. W. Sala	44	2	46	1	..	2	14	60	10	13 20	7 92	4 40	6 60	4 40	.....	.....	.....
Hillsboro and Irving	M. A. Cox	50	3	53	1	1	2	16	75	12	16 50	9 90	5 50	8 25	5 50	.....	.....	.....
COWDEN DISTRICT	B. F. Grigg, District Elder																	
Cowden and Bethany	S. K. Wheatlake	138	12	150	1	1	2	25	140	25	33 00	25 00	10 90	16 35	10 90	.....	.....	27 21
Shelbyville	Ella Smith, supply	30	2	32	..	..	1	9	40	3	9 00	5 40	3 00	2 50	3 00	.....	.....	5 75
Sylvan and Stewardson	Supplied	13	...	13	1	..	1	6	45	1	3 90	2 34	1 95	1 30	1 30	.....	.....	.....
St. James and Laclede	H. G. Ahlemeyer	77	3	80	1	1	3	22	120	20	21 90	13 14	7 30	10 95	7 30	.....	$ 22 33	28 02
Lovington and Bethany	M. E. Lude	30	3	33	..	..	..	....	....	3	10 50	6 30	3 50	5 35	35	.....	.....	.....
Tower Hill and Lakewood	A. J. Smith	64	5	69	..	1	3	26	90	20	19 50	11 70	6 50	9 75	6 50	.....	13 63	12 85
Pana and Ohlman	J. N. Vannattan	54	4	58	..	2	2	13	100	9	18 00	10 80	6 00	9 00	6 00	.....	10 50	.....
Mt. Vernon and Home	X. Atchison, supply	59	9	68	1	1	2	11	50	7	11 00	6 12	3 40	5 10	3 40	.....	5 60	.....
Bingham and Ramsey	E. R. Banning	25	2	27	1	..	1	6	41	3	7 50	4 50	2 50	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE—Continued

IPAVA AND JACKSONVILLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
IPAVA DISTRICT	W. D. Cochran, District Elder																	
Ipava and Summum	G. W. Hood	30	...	30	..	1	1	4	25	7	$ 13 84	$ 5 58	$ 3 10	$ 4 15	$ 3 10	.....	$ 2 40	.....
Vermont and Ray	D. R. Taylor	46	2	48	..		3	13	75	7	12 4	6 84	3 80	6 70	4 50	.....	.....	.....
Antioch and Fairfield	W. T. Graham	59	..	59	..		5	27	215	14	17 70	10 60	5 90	8 85	5 90	.....	.....	.....
Colchester	R. W. Sanderson	58	...	58	1	1	1	7	32	11	20 00	12 00	5 50	8 25	8 50	.....	1 00	.....
Macomb	W. H. Lawson	41	...	41	2	1	1	10	60	5	12 00	7 20	4 00	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....
Webster and Liberty	Raymond Smith, supply	.....	...	.....	..	..	2	.....	.....	.....	1 50	90	50	75	50	.....	.....	.....
Carman and Dallas City	W. C. Kelley	28	...	28	1	1	3	14	75	3	12 76	7 74	1 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lewiston	J. F. Deremiah	76	9	85	..	..	3	20	140	9	22 50	13 50	7 50	11 25	7 50	.....	.....	.....
Naples and Bluffs	S. D. Barritt	30	4	34	..	..	1	14	57	10	15 30	7 20	4 00	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT	W. D. Cochran, District Elder																	
Jacksonville	Supplied	...	..	..	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Athens and Kilbourne	H. H. Sperry, supply	12	...	12	1	..	..	.....	.....	1	2 40	1 75	80	1 20	80	.....	.....	.....
Hopedale and Big Grove	T. A. Smith, supply	10	..	10	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	2 20	2 00	.....	1 50	1 30	.....	.....	.....
Forest City	T. Symons, supply	7	...	7	1	..	1	8	40	1	2 10	1 20	1 05	70	70	.....	.....	.....
Mason City	W. Irwin, supply	14	...	14	..	1	1	4	20	3	4 58	4 52	1 40	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	1476	126	1602	23	21	53	343	2037	267	$ 444 87	$ 256 73	$ 139 00	$ 207 45	$140 75	.....	$ 55 46	$215 13

OHIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session, held at Akron, Ohio, September 16-20, 1903

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

J. E. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.* F. L. HALL, *Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, J. E. Williams, D. W. Wesley.
On Publishing the Minutes—J. E. Williams, F. L. Hall.
On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. D. Crane, F. C. Calkins.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. C. Sherburne, O. L. Spencer, E. E. Brown.
On Education—F. L. Hall, F. C. Calkins, S. Womer.
On State of the Work—J. E. Williams, J. W. Headley, S. W. Stone.
Auditing Committee—L. G. Lewis, D. W. Wesley.
On Reforms—D. W. Wesley, G. A. Olmstead, H. F. Aikin.
On Publications—J. A. Bolton, M. Matheney, A. E. Clement.
On Sunday-schools—A. P. Harrell, L. G. Lewis, E. S. Leibhardt.
On Conference Collections—F. L. Hall.

STANDING COMMITTEES

To Secure Reduced Rates to Conference Next Year—D. W. Wesley.
To Take Charge of Conference Tent—The district elders.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. E. Williams, president; L. G. Lewis, secretary; J. W. Headley, treasurer; E. S. Leibhardt, O. M. Shaw.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. L. Hall, for three years; D. W. Wesley, for two years; J. C. Sherburne, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—L. G. Lewis. On Reforms—O. L. Spencer.
On Publications—E. D. Crane. On Education—J. A. Bolton.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mary E. Hall, president, North Baltimore, Ohio; Alice E. Lewis, first vice president, 512 Bridge street, Cleveland, Ohio; Lena S. Thompson, corresponding secretary, Jefferson, Ohio; Helen S. Bolton, recording secretary, Urbana, Ohio; Anna E. Stevens, treasurer, Byesville, Ohio.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. W. Headley,	F. C. Calkins,	J. E. Williams,	F. L. Hall,
S. W. Stone,	J. H. Hayden,	J. Lawrence,	G. A. Olmstead,
E. N. Foulk,	A. Stevens,	H. F. Hall,	F. DeLong,
J. C. Sherburne,	H. W. Sanderson,	C. F. Scott.	J. A. Bolton,

PREACHERS—Continued

E. D. Crane, T. B. Adams, O. L. Spencer, D. W. Wesley, L. G. Lewis, G. R. Morris, W. F. Matthewson, H. W. Mitchell, A. P. Harrell. B. B. Casto, A. V. Leonardson,

DELEGATES

J. Bates, O. W. Pore, L. Cheney, J. E. Crider, W. F. Guffey, W. J. Hampp, Cyrus Curtis, Eliza Lawrence, S. Womer, E. S. Leibhardt, E. E. Brown, I. H. Potts, H. F. Aiken, A. E. Clement, A. Turpening, Henry Bersinger, Cynthia A. Doran, Martin Matheney. George Beede, Kate Purcell, J. H. Bechtel, D. Mummey, G. E. Conant,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, J. W. Headley, S. W. Stone, J. E. Williams, Martin Matheney, E. S. Leibhardt, A. E. Clement.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? G. E. Conant.

4. Who remain on trial? R. B. Niles, J. B. Thompson, Jr., J. A. Hopkins, O. M. Shaw, J. M. Swain, C. W. Smith, E. S. Jennings, Noah Van Kannel, A. C. Hartley.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? B. B. Casto, F. De Long, H. W. Mitchell, O. L. Spencer.

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. Lawrence.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? G. A. Olmstead, A. V. Leonardson.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? A. P. Harrell, from the Wabash conference.

12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? S. W. Stone, T. B. Adams, H. W. Mitchell.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16–20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? $225.

22, 23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The appointment of the place was left with the district elders; the time to be as near the third Wednesday in August, 1904, as can be arranged for by the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Ohio conference was held in the Free Methodist church, at Akron, Ohio, September 16-20, 1903. General Superintendent W. A. Sellew presided with great acceptability, and his comments on the Scripture lesson at the opening of each morning sitting were truly inspiring and edifying.

The following ministers preached during the session of the conference: W. H. Sanderson, W. H. Kennedy, E. D. Crane, A. P. Harrell, C. E. Gant, S. W. Stone, W. A. Sellew, J. C. Sherburne, J. W. Headley.

The committee on Claimants and Claims recommended that A. V. Leonardson be

superannuated with a claim of $125, and that G. A. Olmstead be superannuated with a claim of $100.

S. W. Stone, T. B. Adams and H. W. Mitchell were each given a certificate of transfer, with a view of transferring to other conferences, and A. P. Harrell was received by transfer from the Wabash conference.

The following collections and subscriptions were taken during the conference: For the secretary and treasurer, $4.46; for Spring Arbor Seminary, $44; about $17 for the resident pastor; $200, subscription for Beulah Mission in Cleveland; $25, for publishing the Minutes; $6.77, for deficiency in conference claims; $163.71, by W. F. M. S. for foreign missions; and $275, to meet the remaining indebtedness on the new parsonage at Akron, making a total of $735.90.

Conference ordered that the collections for the ensuing year be taken as follows: First quarter, General Missions (15 cents per member); second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim (18 cents per member); third quarter, Church Extension and Home Missionary Collection (10 cents per member); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (38 cents per member).

An appropriation of $75 was asked of the general missionary board, to assist the Youngstown society, and $50 for the pastor at Chicago, Ohio.

A deeply interesting and touching letter to the conference, from Rev. W. F. Matthewson, missionary to Japan, was read by the secretary, and conference ordered that we request the editor to publish it in the FREE METHODIST.

L. G. Lewis represented the publishing house, and seemed to do considerable business for the same.

A vote of thanks was extended to the president for the efficient and impartial manner in which he presided over the conference; to the pastor and society, and the people of Akron for hospitality shown and the royal manner in which they entertained the conference.

We were encouraged with the reports of our young preachers, and we desire to urge upon every one of them the importance and necessity of bringing up their studies in every branch. We trust that every one of them will feel this to be a matter of vital importance, and will come to conference next fall fully prepared to pass with honors and with high grades in each branch of study. God bless the young men! Amen and amen!

APPOINTMENTS

CLEVELAND DISTRICT—F. C. CALKINS, District Elder.

Cleveland.....L. G. Lewis, 512 Bridge street, Cleveland, Ohio
Beulah Mission.....Alice E. Lewis, supply
Rocky River ..... F. DeLong, Rocky River, Ohio
Ridgeville and Bennett's Corners..... C. W. Warner, supply, Bennett's Corners, Ohio
Akron and Kent.....D. W. Wesley, 1044 Yale street, Akron, Ohio; one to be supplied
Jefferson, Grigg's Corners, Steamburg and Espeyville ... J. B. Thompson, Jr. Jefferson, Ohio, R. F. D, No. 4; B. D. Landon, Jr., supply, Andover, Ohio, R. F. D. No. 3; Lena Thompson, supply
Cortland.....Noah Van Kannell, Cortland, Ohio
Youngstown.....F. L. Hall, 1038 Erie street, Youngstown, "
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove .....R. B. Niles, Big Prairie, "
Howard and Davis .....C. F. Scott, Davis, "

O. M. Shaw, to assist in Beulah Mission; J. Lawrence, supernumerary; George R. Morris, evangelist, 67 Calvert street, Cleveland, Ohio; A. V. Leonardson, superannuated; H. W. Mitchell, granted a certificate of standing.

TOLEDO DISTRICT—J. W. HEADLEY, District Elder, 1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio.

Toledo.....J. H. Hayden, 1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio
Holland and Monclova.....A. P. Harrell, Holland, "
Delta and Amboy.....E. S. Jennings, Delta, "
Edgerton, Bethel and Brunnersburg .....C. W. Smith, Edgerton, "

North Baltimore and Deshler....H. F. Hall; Mary E. Hall, supply, North Baltimore, Ohio
Bowling Green.....To be supplied
Hume and Cridersville.....O. L. Stricker, supply, Hume, Ohio
Galion, West Point and Mansfield.....
.....E. N. Foulk; A. E. Bryan, supply, 215 Second avenue, Galion, Ohio
Chicago and Tiffin.....Ida L. Gage, supply, Chicago, "
Clyde.....Charles E. Gant, supply, Clyde, "
Dugan Hill and Tremont City.....J. A. Bolton; Helen S. Bolton, supply, Urbana, "

G. A. Olmstead, superannuated, Spring Arbor, Michigan; T. B. Adams, S. W. Stone, granted certificates of standing; B. B. Casto, left without appointment, Mansfield, Ohio; W. F. Matthewson, missionary to Japan, Kobe, Japan.

SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT—J. E. WILLIAMS, District Elder, Canal Dover, Ohio.

Summerfield. Tabor and East Union..E. D. Crane; Emily Crane, supply, Summerfield, Ohio
Sarahsville. Perryopolis and Olive.....Charles E. Steel, supply, Sarahsville, "
Hill Grove, Middleburg and Germantown.....To be supplied
Newport and Hall's Chapel.....W. J. Hampp, supply, Carter, Ohio
Zanesville and Cedar Run.....J. C. Sherburne, 18 Clover street, Zanesville, "
Byesville and Senecaville.....Albert Stevens; Anna E. Stevens, supply, Byesville, "
Canal Dover.....To be supplied
Pleasant City, Hartford and Concord.....A. C. Hartley, supply, Senecaville, Ohio

ATHENS DISTRICT—J. E. WILLIAMS, District Elder.

Athens, Mt. Carmel and Stroud's Run.....J. A. Hopkins, supply, Athens, Ohio
Pomeroy, Plants and Hartford City.....G. E. Conant, Pomeroy, "
Laurel Cliff, Hysell Run and Pleasant Valley.....J. M. Swain, Pomeroy, R. F. D., "
Columbus and New Albany.....O. L. Spencer, New Albany, "

CINCINNATI DISTRICT—J. E. WILLIAMS, District Elder.

Buena Vista and Laurel.....O. Atkinson, supply
Middletown.....H. W. Sanderson, Middletown, Ohio

LOCAL PREACHERS

Thomas Hales.....North Eaton, Ohio
J. A. Wilson, 28 Joy street, Cleveland, "
W. O. Jones.....Cleveland, "
George B. Strong.....Strongsville, "
John W. Waldrath...Conneautville, Pennsylvania.
J. E. Cary.....Urbana, Ohio
H. E. Asplin.....Rocky River, Ohio
George Lawrence.....1011 Kinsman street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Fred Heath.....Newton Fall, Ohio
Joseph Atkinson.....Pomeroy, "
Martin Matheney.....Perryopolis, "
J. M. Longbreak.....Deshler, Ohio
J. E. Lake.....Big Prairie, Ohio

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

George R. Morris, 67 Calvert street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Mrs. Abbie Headley....1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio.
Mrs. Helen S. Bolton.....Urbana, Ohio
Mrs. Ida L. Gage.....Chicago, "
Mrs. Mary E. Hall....North Baltimore, Ohio
Mrs. S. J. Ray.....Burton, "
Mrs. Alice E. Lewis.....512 Bridge street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Mrs. Lillian A. Sanderson, Middletown, Ohio
Mrs. Emily Crane.....Summerfield, "

EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Anna Stevens.....Byesville, Ohio
Mrs. Maria C. Aylard..Bennett's Corners, Ohio.
Mrs. Lena Thompson.....Jefferson, Ohio
Mrs. Eva L. Winter, 271 Grant street, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
Miss Effie Sayers.....Plants, Ohio
Miss Sadie Russell.....Galion, "
Miss Jessie Lawrence, 1011 Kinsman street, Cleveland, Ohio.
Mrs. Mary Johnson.....Youngstown, Ohio
S. T. Hysell.....Columbus, "
Levi Hostetler.....Newcomerstown, Ohio

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

Raised for Publishing the Minutes.—$25.
Foreign Missions.—By W. F. M. S. $475; by the pastors, $157.33. Total, $632.33.
Home Missions.—Claim, $84.60.
Raised, $60.21; deficit, $24.39. Total, $84.60.
General Missions—Claim, $126.90.
Raised, $109.06; deficit, $17.84. Total, $126.90.
Church Extension Fund.—Claim, $84.60.
Raised, $77.55; deficit, $7.05. Total, $84.60.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Claim, $152.28.
Raised, $150.65; deficit, $1.63. Total, $152.28.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Claim, $253.80.
Raised, $258.53; surplus, $4.73.

[N. B.—The above is made out from the pastors' statistical or annual reports, and will not harmonize with the conference treasurer's report, which I have not in hand, but which will be correct.—Secretary.]

II.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

By many the Sabbath-school is said to be the nursery of the church. This may be true. We grant tbat it should be so. But observation teaches us that there is very little propagation of the Christian religion that takes place in the Sabbath-school. Very few compared to the great number who attend our Sabbath-schools are taken from thence and transplanted in our church, and these are the exceptions, not the rule. The rule is that a very great majority of the young people go out from our Sabbath-schools either to live ungodly lives altogether without any restraint, or to unite with some worldly conformed church where they do not teach the high standard of Christian living that is taught by us. We pause here and ask the question, "Why is this so? Where is the trouble? Is it because there is no rich soil in which to sow the seed?" Surely not, for many young, tender, mellow hearts are open and ready to receive the living seed of God's word, which he says shall not return unto him void, but shall accomplish that which God pleases whereto he sends it. It must be God sent. We think the seed-sowing is too superficial; it is too near the surface. It does not penetrate the heart, only appeals to the mind in a historical way. As we reap what we sow, the result of such sowing is only the harvesting of intellectual attainment, and not the awakening influence of the Holy Spirit in the heart. One great need is teachers who are deeply spiritual and can teach. Some people cannot teach because they have no government; others cannot because they do not or will not inform themselves as to what they must teach. I imagine that I can now hear one teacher complaining, "My boys are so rough, rude, noisy and boisterous that I cannot restrain them." "My girls," groans another, "are excitable, untamable, full of mischief as a monkey is of capers."

We know there is a certain age when boys and girls are hard to manage. It comes somewhere between the ages of thirteen and sixteen, possibly at points outside of these two boundaries. It is the Solomon age with boys. They know a great deal, or at least they think they do. A boy is conscious of growth. This has its signs. His coat is too short for him; a great deal of bare wrist is below his sleeves; his feet are running away from his pants, and in fact he can tell father all about the business of the family and just what each should do.

There is a corresponding state in the life of girls. They too, are restive. They are conscious that they are making progress. This is manifest in their physical state. Growth seems to be by jumps. They find joy in the discovery that they are almost as tall as mother. Mentally also, they are conscious of unfolding capacities. It is the recognition of springtime. "She is turning one of the concerns of life's roadway." And with a certain class it is the hoity toity age, when all elements of character are on the see-saw, titter and giggle. Such classes are certainly not easy to manage. Their attention is hard to get and harder to keep. They are uneasy, on the move, in a flutter almost continually. Their great desire is interest and the teacher must interest them; give them the stimulant they desire, not only present to them the vessel that contains it, but as Samson came with his hands full of honey which he had taken from the carcass of the lion, and gave it to his father and mother, so should the teacher come to his class with his hands, head and heart filled with wine, milk and honey drawn from the lesson, and give it to the pupils in a way that will interest them.

"But," says one, "I can't interest my class." Well, if you can't you had better resign. But try it once. Say, "I will interest them." Use figures, give interesting facts to illustrate the lesson, so occupy their thoughts that there will be no chance for anything else to creep in. We have now in mind a teacher just as he looked while teaching his class. "How he did work." He went at it like a buzz-saw, automobile, or the ringing for central at a telephone station. But he got those boys. He soon had their eyes, ears and hearts. Dr.

Whitefield once when indisposed said a pulpit sweat, he thought, would do him good. A Sunday-school sweat I think will do us all good. Try it. Take a class. Sweat next Sunday. Meet their worldly enthusiasm with spiritual enthusiasm. Be earnest, fervent and labor on. Remember the age we have been specifying is one of the most important to influence and hard to manage; yet the management will pay. Corners in roads are always of consequence. Let us stand here, men and women of God. Stand at the corner where youth is diverging into manhood and womanhood and give these young souls a turn in the right direction.

III—ON REFORMS.

Your committee on reforms respectfully submit the following report. The Christian church is to-day confronted with many evils which threaten to destroy the happiness of the home, the purity of the church, and the prosperity of our nation. Among these evils is

THE AMERICAN SALOON.—There is none greater than the home-destroying, nation-degenerating, God-dishonoring, legalized saloon of American. None so wide spread and so far-reaching in its demoralizing influence reaching from the White House to the lowest hovel, standing with iron-like grip on the very throat of our nation, threatening the lives of its unborn millions. "O wretched nation that we are, who shall deliver us from the body of this death?" It cannot be hoped that the Republican or Democratic parties with their present declaration of principles will deliver us, for they are both saloon keepers and have proven themselves again and again unworthy the support of Christian voters. There is but one political party that stands exactly for what we preach and pray, namely, the immediate and utter and eternal destruction of the saloon and the emancipation of its slaves and the protection of our boys and girls. Prohibition is its name. With this party we give our prayers. With this party we pledge our votes.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.—We deplore the looseness of the laws of our state on divorce, and are grieved at its awful results. We believe marriage is a divine institution and not simply a civil contract. If marriage is only a civil contract, then the state laws which unite a man and a woman as husband and wife have a right to dissolve said union at any time and for any cause, agreeable to said law. But marriage is a divine institution. Therefore. "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Doubtless the many divorces and remarriages carried on by the courts, lawyers and preachers in the different religious denominations are due largely to a financial consideration as well as to the lustful condition of society. That is to say, there are a few dollars for the court that dissolves a marriage contract and a few dollars for the preacher who marries them again. But we as Free Methodists declare ourselves to be out of the business.

We call attention to paragraph 52 of our Discipline, which reads in part as follows: "We recognize no other ground for divorce than that permitted in the word of God. Any person guilty of a violation of this law shall have no place among us." We have known of a few persons among us who have been guilty of a violation of this law and have caused us a great deal of trouble. Therefore let all our people, especially our preachers, be awake to this evil and see that our Discipline is enforced.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—It is the sense of your committee that our opposition to secret societies has its foundation in the word of God. That history proves that secret societies ever have been the incubators where sedition, treason and anarchy have been hatched. After careful observation of the work and influence of these secret orders we are prepared to say that they are enemies to the church of Jesus Christ and stand in the way of the salvation of sinners. Therefore, under whatever name these societies sail, whether temperance, benevolent, life insurance or labor union, we as a people will be outspoken against them, and by the grace of God will make men see the more excellent way—love.

DRESS.—The spirit of worldliness in dress is making inroads upon the church and threatens to destroy that mark of distinction between a disciple of Jesus Christ and a follower of this world. While our people are free from the wearing of gold, flowers and feathers, yet we are not in every case free from superfluous ornaments and worldliness in dress. Does not the wearing of bunches of ribbon or chiffon on their hats, or showy buckles on their belts, or dresses made of perforated goods which exposes parts of their body to the public, or clothing made in the very height of fashion testify against us? Let us all be awake and by precept and example sound the trumpet loud and long against these evils.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.—We rejoice in the fact that we have one day in seven for rest and worship—a day to wait upon the Lord without distraction. We disapprove of Sunday visiting and Sunday newspapers and Sunday street car riding, and buying and selling milk, except in cases of necessity or mercy.

EVIL SPEAKING.—"Speak evil of no man" is a divine command. One of the characteristics of persons walking after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness as given by St. Peter is, "They are not afraid to speak evil of dignities," and one of the prerequisites to Christian growth is "Lay aside all evil speaking." To this end let all our preachers see that Mr. Wesley's sermon on Evil Speaking be read in every society as set forth in § 2, ¶ 136 of the Discipline.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND, TOLEDO, ATHENS, SUMMERFIELD AND CINCINNATI DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
CLEVELAND DISTRICT	J. E. Williams, District Elder																	
Cleveland	L. G. Lewis, A. E. Lewis, sup	48	4	52	2	4	2	16	90	14	$ 13 60	$ 7 56	$ 4 20	$ 6 30	$ 4 20			$ 43 00
Rocky River	H. W. Mitchell	21	1	22	1		1	7	40	7	6 76	3 60	2 00	3 00	2 00		$ 50 59	11 36
Ridgeville and Bennett s Corners	C. W. Warner, supply	25	2	27	2	1	2	13	50	6	8 03	4 32	2 40	3 60	2 40		8 50	5 00
Akron and Kent	D. W. Wesley	47	6	53	1		2	13	50	10	8 40	5 04	2 80	4 20	2 80			41 00
Grigg's Corners, Jefferson and Steamburg	J. B. Thompson, Lena Thompson, supply	45	6	51	3	2	3	14	100	16	15 00	9 00	5 00	7 50	5 00		18 56	13 10
Cortland	J. A. Bolton, Helen Bolton, sup	25		25		1	1	5	25	7	8 10	4 86	2 70	4 05	2 70			50 00
Youngstown	A. V. Leonardson	25		25			1	7	50	3	5 70	3 42		2 85	2 03			19 50
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove	R. B. Niles	21	4	25	1	2	2	11	35	9	5 80	3 24	1 80	2 70	1 80		3 35	
Howard and Davis	A. Stevens, Anna Stevens, sup	31	1	32		1	1	9	35	7	9 00	5 40	3 10	4 50	3 00			6 80
Mentor		3		3						3	90	54		22				
TOLEDO DISTRICT	S. W. Stone, District Elder																	
Toledo	F. L. Hall	32	5	37	2		1	16	100	10	8 40	5 04	2 80	4 20	2 80		14 61	
Holland and Monclova	A. P. Harrell, supply	34	5	39	1		2	15	90	8	11 10	6 66	1 21	5 55	3 70			26 46
Delta and Amboy	E. S. Jennings	29		29						9	11 40	6 84		1 50	1 67		1 25	
Edgerton, Bethel and Brunnersburg	C. W. Smith	35		35		3	25	65	8	11 10	6 66	3 70		5 55	3 70			17 90
N. Baltimore, Deshler, Bowling Green	H. F. Hall, Mary E. Hall, sup	47	4	51	1	1	3	16	80	6	13 50	8 10	4 50	6 75	4 50			28 77
Hume and Cridersville	O. L. Stricker, supply	17	17	34	1		2	7	31	11	4 50	2 70	1 50	2 25	1 55			
Galion and West Point	E. N. Foulk	25	10	35	1		1	7	30	7	7 20	4 32	2 40	3 60	2 40			
Mansfield and Chicago	F. DeLong	14		14				2	10	2	4 30	2 52		80	80			
SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT	J. W. Headley, District Elder																	
Summerfield, Tabor and East Union	E. D. Crane	42	3	45		1	3	15	75	8	10 56	6 30	3 50	5 25	3 50		1 50	4 00
Sarahsville, Perryopolis and Olive	F. C. Calkins	45	4	49	3	1	3	20	80	8	14 70	7 11	3 90	5 85	3 90		34 57	
Hill Grove	J. W. Headley	6		6			1	4	25	1	1 80	1 05	60	90	60			
Newport and Hall's Chapel	Noah VanKannel	23		23	2		2	10	40	11	7 62	3 78	2 20	3 15	2 10			
Zanesville	J. C. Sherburne	42	6	48			1	10	60	4	11 34	6 77	3 60	5 40	3 60			13 00
Byesville, Pleasant City, Senecaville	A. C. Hartley	33		33	2		2	8	30	4	13 20	7 92		1 31	1 30			
ATHENS DISTRICT	J. W. Headley, District Elder																	
Athens, Mt. Carmel, Stroud's Run	J. A Hopkins	40	5	45	1		2	14	55	11	7 50	4 50	2 50	3 75	2 50			3 00
Pomeroy, Plants and East Letart	C. F. Scott, O. M. Shaw, supply	81	6	87	1	1	5	30	125	8	26 10	15 66		7 88	8 70		3 30	
Columbus and New Albany	O. L. Spencer	22	2	24			1	7	25	6	7 82	4 68	2 60	3 90	2 60		19 00	11 00
Dugan Hill and Tremont City	J. M. Swain	15		15	1		2	9	45	3	5 10	3 06	1 70	2 55	1 70		2 00	
Logan		4		4						2								
CINCINNATI DISTRICT	J. W. Headley, District Elder																	
Beuna Vista	J. A. Hampp, supply	6		6	1		1	4										
Laurel and Sanes Creek	O. Atkinson, supply	4		4														
Total		887	91	978	27	15	50	314	1441	209	$ 258 53	$ 150 65	$ 60 21	$ 109 06	$ 77 55		$ 157 33	$283 89

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
CLEVELAND DISTRICT											
Cleveland	...	...	$ 27 00	$ 3 00	$ 603 42	$ 51 06	...	1	$ 2500	1	$ 1500
Rocky River	$ 1 92	$ 3 25	27 25	...	310 00	43 28	...	1	1500	1	1000
Ridgeville and Bennett's Corners	...	...	21 71	65	258 93	43 50	...	2	1500	1	100
Akron and Kent	1 76	...	45 75	...	651 62	81 14	$ 35 00	1	3000	1	2000
Grigg's Corners, Jefferson Steamburg	...	...	35 00	1 00	460 00	48 25	35 50	2	1300	..	...
Cortland	2 22	1 00	12 00	...	257 52	42 95	12 65	1	1400	1	800
Youngstown	1 61	...	33 01	...	235 00	42 63	...	1	2000	1	1000
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove	...	1 65	20 53	1 10	179 50	53 60	...	2	2500	..	...
Howard and Davis	...	...	17 70	...	231 13	40 47	10 50	2	2100	..	...
Mentor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...
TOLEDO DISTRICT											
Toledo	...	...	70 60	...	570 00	85 59	32 50	1	2500	1	1500
Holland and Monclova	...	...	46 00	...	260 00	56 52	...	2	2000	1	1000
Delta and Amboy	...	...	...	...	184 17	39 06	17 32	2	2000	1	600
Edgerton, Bethel, Brunnersburg	50	...	24 88	...	175 76	59 11	13 32	2	1200	..	...
N. Baltimore, Deshler and Bowling Green	...	...	66 70	...	303 56	67 18	...	3	4000	1	500
Hume and Cridersville	...	...	15 62	1 00	255 00	62 24	...	2	1500	..	...
Galion and West Point	...	...	21 47	...	436 71	58 77	...	2	1000	1	600
Mansfield and Chicago	...	...	10 00	...	125 00	22 88	...	2	1600	2	1600
SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT											
Summerfield Tabor and Union	...	...	14 00	...	402 00	42 06	...	3	3000	1	700
Sarahsville, Perryopolis and Olive	...	1 88	42 45	...	342 80	75 57	...	3	2000	1	500
Hill Grove	...	...	...	...	28 00	18 22	...	1	400	..	...
Newport and Hall's Chapel	2 12	...	15 00	...	335 41	47 77	...	1	800	..	
Zanesville	...	2 48	34 70	1 00	494 53	70 00	10 90	1	1300	1	1000
Byesville, Pleasant City, Senecaville	...	...	19 82	...	226 25	34 18	...	2	1000	..	...
ATHENS DISTRICT											
Athens, Mt. Carmel, Stroud's Run	2 00	...	13 20	...	401 10	63 25	23 88	3	1800	..	...
Pomeroy, Plants and East Letart	...	...	28 50	...	217 92	52 13	5 00	4	2500	1	500
Columbus and New Albany	...	...	14 51	...	306 77	44 65	...	1	800	..	...
Dugan Hill and Tremont City	...	2 00	14 00	...	313 09	35 04	12 00	1	500	..	...
Logan	...	...	...	...	...	8 00	...	..	...	..	...
CINCINNATI DISTRICT											
Beuna Vista	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...
Laurel and Sanes Creek	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...
Total	$12 13	$12 26	$ 691 40	$ 7 75	$8565 19	$1389 10	$ 208 57	49	$ 47900	17	$14900

SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-first Annual Session, held at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, September 30-October 4, 1903.

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

H. L. TORSEY, *Secretary.* J. WHITESIDE, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. A. VENNARD, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—T. Donoghue, H. L. Torsey, William Kennedy.
On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, H. L. Torsey, T. Donoghue, W. N. Coffee.
On Publications—J. B. Freeland, J. Whiteside, W. N. Vennard, J. O. Sweeney.
On Education—T. Donoghue, A. P. Matson, Robert Dixon, J. P. Leister.
On Sabbath-schools—W. F. Harding, W. D. McMullen, J. O. Johnson, H. Gilliland.
On Reforms—O. A. Harpel, D. W. Cook, S. B. Shaw, William Harden.
On State of the Work—H. L. Torsey, T. Donoghue, William Kennedy, J. C. Keen.
On Missions—The stationing committee.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—O. A. Harpel, A. P. Matson.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Money to Publish the Minutes—W. D. McMullen.
On Resolutions—W. N. Coffee, W. F. Harding.
To Visit Wessington Springs Seminary—W. N. Vennard, A. Harden.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. D. McMullen, T. Donoghue, H. L. Torsey, J. C. Keen, William Kennedy.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—A. Harden. On Reforms—W. N. Vennard.
On Sabbath-schools—J. Whiteside. On Education—W. F. Harding.
On State of the Work—H. L. Torsey, T. Donoghue.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. Whiteside, for five years; H. L. Torsey, for four years; T. Donoghue, for three years; W. N. Coffee, for two years; O. A. Harpel, for one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS SEMINARY

H. L. Torsey, president; D. W. Cook, secretary; R. S. Vessey, treasurer; O. A. Harpel, R. Dixon, B. F. Hubbard, T. Donoghue, J. H. Wilson, H. O. Radford, Seigel Waite, Thomas Heath.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. M. F. Coffee, Wessington Springs, South Dakota; vice presidents Miss Martha Cook, Wessington Springs district, Mrs. C. W. Peters, Sioux Falls district, Mrs. L. A. Bardell, Mitchell district, Mrs. Lina V. Schoff, Northwest district, Miss Minnie McLaren, North district; recording secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Fanny McMullen, Vienna, South Dakota; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Esther Harden, Taopi, South Dakota.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim; third quarter, Conference Claimants'; fourth quarter, Church Extension and

Conference Missions. All collections are to be forwarded to the conference treasurer, W. N. Vennard, Faulkton, South Dakota. It was ordered that the pastors take a collection for the American Bible Society and send the same to the conference treasurer to forward to the society.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. B. Freeland,	D. W. Cook,	W. N. Coffee,	H. L. Torsey,
O. A. Harpel,	T. Donoghue,	W. F. Harding,	S. B. Shaw,
J. Whiteside,	W. D. McMullen,	W. N. Vennard,	F. W. Drown,
G. W. Austin,	J. S. Fear,	A. P. Matson,	R. Earl,
A. Harden.			

DELEGATES

J. C. Keen,	J. O. Sweeney,	R. Dixon,	J. P. Leister,
J. O. Johnson,	William Kennedy,	W. Harden,	A. J. Spain,
Clarinda Hamilton,	Densie Gaddis,	H. R. Gilliland,	Nellie Johnson,
Rhoda Day,	Eliza Swanson,	Harry Scott.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, T. Donoghue, H. L. Torsey, J. C. Keen, William Kennedy.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? S. E. Cooper, E. R. Polhemus.

4. Who remain on trial? B. Gaddis.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Addison Harden.

6. Who are the deacons? G. W. Austin, A. P. Matson, J. S. Fear, W. N. Vennard, F. W. Drown, A. Harden.

7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Rufus Earl.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. B. Freeland.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. B. Freeland, $150.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Faulkton, South Dakota, as near the first Wednesday in October, 1904, as may be convenient for the general superintendent who is to preside.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-first annual session of the South Dakota conference was held in Wessington Springs. The conference sittings and afternoon services were held in the pleasant and commodious edifice recently dedicated by the Methodist Episcopal society of the town, the use of which was kindly granted by the pastor and society.

The services of General Superintendent W. T. Hogue were highly appreciated. The addresses given to the conference were edifying and instructive; his preaching was in the demonstration of the Spirit, and the business of the conference was disposed of with efficiency and general satisfaction.

The Rev. W. P. Ferries, of the Illinois conference, represented the publishing house

interests and preached twice with liberty and power. The Rev. R. Carne of the Wisconsin, and H. L. Tenney of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conferences were present as visitors and assisted in the religious services.

Miss Emma Appling, returned missionary from India, gave an address to the ladies at the Congregational church, Friday afternoon, and addressed a large audience in the seminary chapel Sabbath afternoon, at the close of which a collection in cash and subscriptions of about $160 was taken for the foreign work.

Addison Harden was ordained deacon at the close of the preaching service Sabbath morning.

It was ordered that the pastors preach once during the year on the Bible in relation to missions and take a collection for the American Bible Society. The suggestion is that it be done during the first quarter, that uniform action may make it more convenient for the conference treasurer in remitting the money.

Many changes were necessarily made in the appointments, but were well received, and the pastors go uncomplainingly to enter upon another year of labor and conflict in the name and strength of Jesus.

APPOINTMENTS

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT—H. L. Torsey, District Elder, 612 Fourth avenue Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Sioux Falls.....J. Whiteside, 604 Fourth avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
.....Laura Whiteside, supply
Wall Lake and Hartford..B. Gaddis; D. Gaddis, supply, R. F. D. 1, Hartford, " "
Boyden and Rock Rapids.....To be supplied
Mt. Pleasant and Lake county.....A. Harden, Taopi, South Dakota
Beresford and Canton.....W. F. Harding, Beresford, " "
Parker.....To be supplied

S. B. Shaw, left without appointment.

NORTH DISTRICT—H. L. Torsey, District Elder.

Vienna and Watertown.....W. D. McMullen, Vienna, South Dakota
Clark.....To be supplied
Waubay.....D. B. Waller, supply, Waubay, South Dakota
Berton and Farnsworth.....To be supplied

J. S. Fear, left without appointment; A. P. Matson, left without appointment to attend school.

WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT—T. Donoghue, District Elder, Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

Wessington Springs.....W. N. Coffee, Wessington Springs, South Dakota
Forestburg, Letcher and Alpena.....E. R. Polhemus, Forestburg, " "
Hand county.....To be supplied

D. W. Cook, conference missionary; J. B. Freeland, superannuated; S. E. Cooper principal of Wessington Springs Seminary.

MITCHELL DISTRICT—T. Donoghue, District Elder.

Mitchell.....To be supplied
Parkston and Cleardale.....To be supplied
Olivet.....F. W. Drown; Sarah Drown, supply, Olivet, South Dakota
Charles Mix county.....To be supplied

NORTHWEST DISTRICT—T. Donoghue, District Elder.

Faulkton, Burkmere, Liberty and Northville....W. N. Vennard, Faulkton, South Dakota
.....Belle Vennard, supply
Campbell county.....To be supplied
Ellisville and Hyde county..Lina V. Schoff, S. A. Schoff, supplies, Sedgwick, South Dakota
Potter and Sully counties.....To be supplied

O. A. Harpel, Faulkton, South Dakota, Phebe P. Farnsworth, Dunsmore, South Dakota, G. W. Austin, evangelists.

MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, In the providence of God Mrs. Mary E. Hitchman, who has supplied the work on several circuits among us, has been called from the scenes of earthly labor to her eternal home; therefore be it hereby

Resolved, That in her death the work of God within the bounds of the South Dakota conference suffers a great loss That the memory of her character as a Christian woman is precious to us. That her love for the pilgrims of this conference is fully appreciated and that her activities and self-denial in her labor of love as a worker in the gospel field were an excellent example for all those who are called to be his bandmen in the vineyard of the Lord. Be it further

Resolved, That we hereby extend to her only child, Leonard Hitchman, our heartfelt sympathies in the loss of his closest and dearest friend and that we pray that he, the subject of his mother's prayers, may devote his young life fully to God, and carefully walk in his sainted mother's ways. Be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the Rev. W. N. Vennard, her brother, and to the rest of her relatives this expression of our sorrow mingled with theirs in this hour of loneliness and sadness.

A very profitable memorial service was held in the Methodist Episcopal church of Wessington Springs at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. T. Donoghue.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND—Assessed, $81; deficit from 1902, $1. Total, $82.
Receipts, $69; cash, $13. Total, $82.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed, $135.
Receipts, $57.89; cash, $77.11. Total, $135.
GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed, $67.50.
Receipts, $66.05; cash, $1.45. Total, $67.50.
CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed, $45.
Receipts, $28.10; cash, $16.90. Total, $45.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, $67.50.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Receipts, $54; cash, $2.75. Total, $56.75.
EDUCATIONAL FUND.—Receipts, $4.27; cash, $1.50. Total, $5.77.
CHILDREN'S DAY FUND.—Receipts, $6.76.
FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—$19.95.

II.—ON REFORMS.

PROHIBITION.—We believe that the legalizing of the liquor traffic is a sin against God and a crime against man, and that "no political party has a right to expect, nor ought it to receive, the support of Christian men so long as it stands committed to the license policy or refuses to put itself on record in an attitude of open hostility to the same." Therefore

Resolved, First, that we pledge ourselves to vote as we pray. Second, that we will do all that we can by personal efforts and the circulation of prohibition literature to educate public sentiment in favor of prohibition. We rejoice that we have a church paper that is so consistent and fearless in its war against the liquor traffic. We therefore recommend the FREE METHODIST as one of the very best prohibition papers in the country. We further recommend that this conference authorize the district elders to put a preacher in the field who shall be known as a conference prohibition evangelist, if the necessary funds shall be pledged and a suitable preacher be secured for such position.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—We believe the institution of the Christian Sabbath to be by divine command and its desecration a sin which will justly exclude from the kingdom of grace and glory. We deplore the running of Sunday excursions by the railroads, thus placing great temptations before the young by offering reduced rates and many questionable attractions at the other end of the line. We believe that Sabbath visiting, pleasure riding, reading secular papers, letter writing, and worldly conversation are infringements on the divine command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Therefore,

Resolved, That we will do what we can by precept and example to restore the sacredness of the Sabbath in the home and public life.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—We are glad to note that our church has taken no backward step in her attitude toward secret societies. We are opposed to secret societies, not only because of their ungodly and un-American secret oaths, but also because they reject Jesus Christ who is the true light of the world and the only door to the kingdom of heaven. The lodge system is one of the greatest hindrances to the advancement of the cause of Christ in the earth. Therefore

Resolved, That we will do all we can to intelligently warn the people against this great abomination.

ROMANISM.—We do not believe in assailing any religious organization simply because they "follow not us" but we look upon Romanism as a dangerous political institution that is opposed to the spirit of the Constitution of the United States. The attitude of the Romish church toward the public school system, and the dissemination of the word of God proves that she is not entitled to the confidence of loyal Christian citizens. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we favor the circulation of such books and papers as will enlighten the people on this subject. We especially recommend the book sold by our publishing house entitled, "Facing the Twentieth Century," and the *Converted Catholic*, a monthly paper published in New York.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
* SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT											
Sioux Falls	...	$ 1 70	$ 26 00	$ 1 00	$ 335 78	$ 45 00	$ 15 00	1	$ 1000	2	1800
Beresford	$ 4 27	1 85	23 40	1 00	426 43	35 00	21 00	1	2000	1	800
Wall Lake and Hartford	.....	.....	11 77	.....	460 00	42 40	28 00	1	1200		1000
Mt. Pleasant and Lake county	.....	.....	20 00	.....	213 83	50 00	6 50	..	.....	1	500
Parker	1 50	.....	.....	.....	190 94	24 52	17 00	..	.....	1	500
Boyden and Rock Rapids	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 41	.....	1	1200	1	800
† NORTH DISTRICT											
Vienna	.....	.....	15 00	.....	337 98	60 50	4 81	..	.....	1	700
Clark	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Waubay	.....	1 70	26 12	.....	216 84	45 20	20 00	..	.....	..	.....
Berton and Farnsworth	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 13	.....	..	.....	..	.....
‡ MITCHELL DISTRICT											
Mitchell	.....	.....	9 60	.....	137 00	40 00	20 10	1	1500	1	800
Parkston and Cleardale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Olivet	.....	1 51	17 22	....	296 33	45 48	.....	2	1100	1	400
Charles Mix county	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 10	.....	..	.....	..	.....
WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT											
Wessington Springs	....	..	34 02	....	445 25	53 26	.....	..	.....	1	1100
Alpena	.....	.....	8 00	.....	93 40	22 08	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Hand county and Waterbury	.....	....	.....	.....	35 00	35 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Letcher and Forestburg	.....	1 00	9 66	26	200 00	35 00	4 75	..	.....	..	.....
‖ NORTHWEST DISTRICT											
Faulkton and Edmonds county	.....	.....	17 00	.....	350 00	36 99	31 24	1	1000	1	800
Campbell county	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Ellisville, Hyde county, Burkmere	.....	.....	10 00	1 66	200 00	35 38	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Potter and Sully counties	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 37	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 5 77	$ 7 76	$ 227 79	$ 3 92	$3938 78	$ 994 82	$ 168 30	8	$ 18000	12	$ 9200

*Received from General Missionary Board $25.

†Received from miscellaneous $60.

‡Received from General Missionary Board $25.

‖Received from miscellaneous $67.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

SIOUX FALLS, NORTH, MITCHELL, WESSINGTON SPRINGS AND NORTHWEST DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT	T. Donoghue, District Elder																	
Sioux Falls	W. D. McMullen	31	10	41	..	..	1	8	60	6	$ 8 40	$ 5 04	$ 4 20	$ 4 20	$ 2 80	.....	$ 10 75	.....
Beresford	J. Whiteside	23	6	29	2	1	1	4	45	12	5 70	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	.....	9 00	$ 11 00
Wall Lake and Hartford	W. N. Vennard	20	3	23	1	1	1	7	24	8	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	27 61
Mt. Pleasant and Lake county	S. B. Shaw	24	3	27	2		2	7	58	6	7 50	4 50	1 75	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	6 00
Parker	David Rounds	11	2	13	..	..	..	....	....	5	3 30	1 98	1 65	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	20 25
Boyden and Rock Rapids	.....	11	..	11	..	..	..	....	..	2	3 90	2 34	1 49	1 95	.....	.....	.....	.....
NORTH DISTRICT	T. Donoghue, District Elder																	
Vienna	W. F. Harding	37	1	38	2	1	1	6	25	9	9 30	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	5 00
Clark	Harry Scott, supply	12	2	14	..	..	..	....	....	....	3 36	2 16	1 65	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
Waubay	D. B. Waller, supply	30	2	32	1	..	3	11	36	10	10 20	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	.....	4 15	10 60
Berton and Farnsworth	.....	11	..	11		..	1	2	6	3	4 80	2 90	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	2 00	.....
MITCHELL DISTRICT	H. L. Torsey, District Elder																	
Mitchell	G. W. Austin	13	...	13	..	..	1	3	15	4	6 30	3 78	3 15	3 50	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Parkston and Cleardale	.....	7	..	7		..		....	....	3	2 70	1 62	1 35	1 35	90	....	75	6 00
Olivet	F. W. Drown	25	5	30		1	1	8	40	6	6 60	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	....	.....	19 06
Charles Mix county	.....	11	..	11	..		..	....	....	5	.....	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	2 00
WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT	H. L. Torsey, District Elder																	
Wessington Springs	W. N. Coffee	55	3	58	5	2	1	9	75	15	14 38	10 08	3 86	8 40	4 80	....	.....	8 20
Alpena	B. Gaddis, D. Gaddis, supply	11	..	11	..	1	1	3	18	4	2 40	1 44	.....	1 20	80	.....	25 00	2 30
Hand county and Waterbury	D. W. Cook	8	..	8	1	1		....	....	5	2 40	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	.....	.....	.....
Letcher and Forestburg	A. Harden	21	...	21	..	..	1	5	25	6	7 50	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.. ..	15 85	1 50
NORTHWEST DISTRICT	H. L. Torsey, District Elder																	
Faulkton and Edmonds county	O. A. Harpel	44	7	51	1	1	3	15	59	6	9 60	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	.....	.....	78 30
Campbell county	.....	5	2	7	1			....	....	2	2 10	1 26	1 05	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....
Ellisville, Hyde county and Burkmere	Phebe B. Farnsworth, supply	20	...	20	2	2	1	5	15	3	5 70	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	9 63
Potter and Sully counties	.....	16	..	16	1	..	..	....	....	4	5 40	3 24	.....	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	446	46	492	19	11	19	93	501	124	$ 118 04	$ 80 48	$ 58 00	$ 67 25	$ 42 50	.....	$ 67 50	$207 45

OIL CITY CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session, held at Titusville, Pennsylvania, September 30-October 3, 1903

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President.*

M. B. MILLER, *Secretary.* J. S. McGEARY, I. B. REED, *Assistant Secretaries*
H. D. TODD, *Statistical Secretary.* E. BLEWS, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, M. B. Miller, C. A. Cron, Emma Ellison, Mary A. Tobey.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. J. Barkas.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—A. J. Hill, T. W. Murray, J. N. Bennett, R. R. Mohney.

On Sabbath-schools—C. E. Weaver, A. Smith, A. G. Crill.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On State of the Work—J. S. McGeary, Seth Ward, J. H. Khale.

On Reforms—E. Blews, R. A. Robertson, R. A. Zahniser, W. L. Kerr, James Hunter.

On Publications—J. J. Zahniser, J. J. Ginader, Charles Cowan.

On Education—H. D. Todd, A. H. M. Zahniser, I. B. Reed.

On Memoirs—A. M. Bean, J. K. Mumau, M. B. Miller, W. B. Roupe, Mrs. Ida Dick.

On Claims and Claimants—B. R. Jones, M. B. Miller, J. S. McGeary, Charles Cowan, C. A. Cron.

On Ministerial Relations—M. B. Miller, J. S. McGeary, A. M. Bean, Charles Cowan, W. L. Kerr.

On General Superintendents' Claim—T. W. Murray.

On Conference Claimants' Fund—A. J. Hill.

On Church Extension Fund—A. T. Sager.

On Conference Mission Claim—R. R. Mohney.

On General Mission Claim—O. S. Winslow.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. M. Critchlow, O. S. Winslow.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. Blews, president, time expires 1906; H. D. Todd, secretary, time expires 1908; A. J. Hill, time expires 1907; W. B. Roupe, time expires 1905; T. W. Murray time expires 1904.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

H. D. Todd, president; T. W. Murray, secretary; E. Blews, treasurer; R. R. Mohney, G. G. Scott.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

M. B. Miller, W. B. Roupe, J. E. Berkheimer, J. K. Dale, J. C. Bowman.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim and Expenses of Delegates to General Conference;

third quarter, Superannuated Claim; fourth quarter, Conference Missions. All money to be sent to Rev. E. Blews, Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. W. B. Roupe, president, Bradford, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Nellie Pond, recording secretary, Galeton, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Kate Smith, corresponding secretary, Siverly, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Estella Robertson, treasurer, Emporium, Pennsylvania.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. B. Roupe, A. M. Bean, A. T. Sager, J. J. Zahniser, T. W. Murray, E. Blews, C. H. Reed, J. N. Bennett, J. J. Ginader, F. N. Fox, J. K. Mumau, H. W. Mitchell.

S. Sager, C. O. Copeland, J. S. McGeary, H. D. Todd, C. H. Glass, L. A. Sager, A. J. Hill, R. A. Robertson, J. P. Brodhead, W. J. Barkas, J. F. Collins.

D. B. Tobey, F. E. Glass, J. E. Berkheimer, A. Smith, T. H. Goodrich, J. N. Eager, R. H. Williams, H. H. Bradley, F. E. Pond, F. W. McClelland, G. S. Bryan.

M. B. Miller, A. Falkner, J. M. Critchlow, R. M. Whitcomb, C. E. Weaver, E. L. Kiffer, R. McGarvey, J. K. Odell, R. A. Zahniser, M. E. Wolcott, A. H. M. Zahniser.

DELEGATES

W. L. Kerr, James Hunter, Eugene Chase, Seth Waid, Ira B. Reed, A. G. Crill, Dora G. A. Spots, William Muncey, O. S. Winslow, Laura Smith, C. W. Mowry.

C. W. Cowan, Mary A. Tobey, Numan Bice, Mrs. S. Emgie, James Christy, W. H. McIntyre, R. R. Mohney, James Campbell, Edna Book, G. G. Scott.

J. H. Khale, Martha Towner, Mrs. Charles Norbeck, A. C. Wolcott, Mrs. W. H. McClimans, Mrs. P. M. Hager, C. A. Cron, Charlotte Terwilliger, H. C. Barnes, Thomas Gehring.

George Fobes, James Campbell, W. H. Shaffner, Margaret Maul, Julia Holmes, William Harry, S. H. Shreffler, H. M. Foreman, Mrs. Ida Dick, Mrs. C. W. Moyer.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, W. B. Roupe, M. B. Miller, A. M. Bean, J. S. McGeary, I. B. Reed, C. A. Cron, W. L. Kerr, C. W. Cowan.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? F. A. Reese, W. H. McClimans, E. L. Monroe, H. C. Barnes, A. G. Crill, C. Davidson, I. B. Hawks, F. W. Parks.

4. Who remain on trial? P. B. Wright, G. W. Kiffer, G. A. Garrett, H. D. Call, W. E. Smith, G. J. Kelly, R. F. Leight.

5, 8, 12. None.

6. Who are the deacons? T. H. Goodrich, L. A. Sager, E. L. Kiffer, R. A. Robertson, H. H. Bradley, W. J. Barkas, F. W. McClelland, M. E. Wolcott, J. K. Mumau, J. F. Collins, G. S. Bryan, H. W. Mitchell.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. E. Pond, F. N. Fox.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. Sager, L. A. Sager, R. H Williams, J. K. Odell, P. B. Wright.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. E. Berkheimer, A. Falkner.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? A. H. M

Zahniser, from the Pittsburg conference; H. W. Mitchell, from the Ohio conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? H. C. Ingersoll, C. H. Miller, S. O. Yelvington.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed, except one.

15. Who have died this year? T. J. Stone.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. T. J. Stone, $164.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At New Castle, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, as near the fourth Wednesday in September, 1904, as is convenient to the plan of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fifth annual session was held in the Free Methodist church, Titusville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, September 30–October 3, 1903. Six sittings were held—one each on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and three on Saturday.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: W. B. Olmstead, of the Michigan conference; B. H. Roberts and J. S. Bradbrook, of the Genesee conference; S. H. Prather, of the Methodist Episcopal church; Samuel Semple, of the Presbyterian church; I. B. Tice, of the African Methodist Episcopal church; A. J. Maring, of the United Brethren church, and William Bryenton, of the Pentecostal church.

The angel of death cast a shadow over the conference. Thomas J. Stone was called home at 5 p. m., of the first day of the conference. He "walked with God and was not, for God took him." How his brethren and friends will miss him; he was so cheerful and companionable, and always ready to serve the church and his Master. The life work of this faithful servant of God was marked through his whole career by an undeviating devotion to duty and love for his people. There have been more brilliant preachers than he was, but few mightier in scripture; none more faithful. Brother Stone was "a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost." An offering of over $100 was taken to defray the expenses incurred by the funeral.

B. R. Jones presided in an impartial manner, while his preaching was unctuous. His advice was helpful. All were pleased.

The report of the treasurer of the W. F. M. S. showed that over $2000 had been raised by the "elect ladies" for the purpose of having the gospel preached in every land.

The meetings were all largely attended. The "Master of Assemblies" was present at every service. Several remarkable outpourings of the Holy Spirit were experienced. All were strengthened. The command, "Let love be without dissimulation" was obeyed. The consensus of expression was, "an excellent conference."

Sister Ellison was abundant in labors, yet she managed all pertaining to the welfare of the conference in the spirit of Jesus. We were well entertained.

APPOINTMENTS

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT—Mendal B. Miller, District Elder, 1229 Chestnut street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

New Castle (Long avenue).....J. J. Zahniser, Wilson avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania
New Castle (Dewey avenue) and Coaltown.....F. J. Barber, New Castle, "
New Castle (Hoover Heights) .....To be supplied
Sharon.....A. J. Hill, 26 Elm street, Sharon, Pennsylvania
Sharpsville, Bethel, Charleston, Mercer and Prospect.....
.....William Bryenton, Mercer, "
Ellwood City..... H. W. Mitchell, Ellwood City, "
Bruin.....C. E. Weaver, Bruin, "
Grove City.....Mary J. Elliott, Mary B. Simon, supplies, Grove City,

J. K. Odell, supernumerary, Mercer, Pennsylvania; A. Falkner, superannuated, South New Lyme, Ohio; S. O. Yelvington, given a certificate of standing in view of transfer.

MEADVILLE DISTRICT—Mendal B. Miller, District Elder.

Meadville ..... F. N. Fox; May Fox, supply, Meadville, Pennsylvania
Blooming Valley ..... To be supplied
Erie and McKean ..... H. D. Call; Margaret Call, supply, McKean, Pennsylvania
Corry and Mill Village ..... G. W. Kiffer, Corry, "
Centerville ..... C. O. Copeland, Centerville, "

T. H. Goodrich, left without appointment; H. D. Todd, evangelist, Blooming Valley, Pennsylvania.

OIL CITY DISTRICT—J. S. McGeary, District Elder, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Oil City and Salem ..... A. T. Sager West Fourth street, Oil City, Pennsylvania
Siverly, Rouseville and Plumer ... W. E. Smith; Kate Smith, supply, Siverly, "
Franklin and Cochran ..... { J. M. Critchlow, Buffalo street, Franklin, "
..... { A. G. Crill, Buffalo street, Franklin, "
Walnut Bend, Oak Grove, Hogue Hill, } ..... { W. H. McClimans, Coal Hill, "
President, Weavers and West Home } ..... { One to be supplied
Tionesta and Newmansville ..... R. A. Zahniser, Tionesta, "
Kellettville, Mayburg and Garfield ..... A. H. M. Zahniser, Mayburg, "
Barnes and North Clarendon ..... R. McGarvey, Barnes, "
Warren and Glade ..... To be supplied
Youngsville and Davie Hill ..... G. A. Garrett, Youngsville, Pennsylvania
Sugar Grove and Matthews' Run ..... G. S. Bryan, Sugar Grove, "
Pleasantville and Enterprise ..... Helen Critchlow, supply, Enterprise, "
Titusville ..... Emma Ellison, supply, Titusville, "
Jamison, Hamilton Diamond and Kaneville ... R. M. Whitcomb, Pleasantville, "
Tidioute ..... G. S. Mitchell, supply, Tidioute, "
Hickory, Whig Hill and German Hill ..... E. L. Monroe, Whig Hill, "

C. H. Miller, given certificate of standing in view of transfer; J. P. Brodhead, missionary to Africa, Fairview Mission, Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa; J. E. Berkheimer, superannuated, Pleasantville, Pennsylvania.

BRADFORD DISTRICT—D. B. Tobey, District Elder, 1321 Buffalo street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

Bradford ..... E. Blews, Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania
Tuna Creek and Bolivar Run ..... F. A. Reese, Tuna Creek, "
Lewis Run and Custer City ..... I. B. Hawks, Lewis Run, "
Galeton ..... F. E. Pond, Galeton, "
Port Allegany and Portage Creek ..... J. F. Collins, Port Allegany, "
Rixford, Duke Center, Ormsby and Simpson ..... J. N. Eager, Duke Center, "
Ulysses and Elmer ..... H. H. Bradley, Ulysses, "
Keech, Seven Bridges and Borie ..... F. W. Parks, Veley, "
Coudersport and Mina ..... J. N Bennett, Coudersport, "
Emporium and Beechwood ..... R. A. Robertson, Emporium, "
John Wesley church and Johnsonburg ..... J. Barkas, supply, Rolfe, "
Ridgway ..... F. C. McClelland, Ridgway, "

C. H. Reed, evangelist, Buffalo, New York; H. C. Ingersoll, given certificate of standing in view of transfer, Knox, Indiana; F. E. Glass, evangelist, Jamestown, New York; W. B. Roupe, conference missionary, Bradford, Pennsylvania; C. H. Glass, left without appointment, Tuna Creek, Pennsylvania.

DU BOIS DISTRICT—A. M. Bean, District Elder, Brockwayville, Pennsylvania.

Du Bois, Sabula and Lindsey ..... C. Davidson
Penfield and Mt. Pleasant ..... G. J. Kelly, Penfield, Pennsylvania
Brockwayville and Mountain ..... E. L. Kiffer, Brockwayville, "
Brookville and Falls Creek ..... Horace Best, supply, Falls Creek, "
Philipsburg and Gearhartville ..... T. W. Murray, Philipsburg, "
Fleming and Dix Run ..... A. Smith, Fleming, "
Buffalo Run and Forge ..... J. K. Mumau, Fleming, "

L. A. Sager, supernumerary, Buffalo, New York; S. Sager, P. B. Wright, supernumerary.

CLARION DISTRICT—A. M. Bean, District Elder.

Kane, Lamont and Highland ..... J. J. Ginader, Kane, Pennsylvania
Marionville and Loleta ..... H. C. Barnes, Barnes, "
Tylersburg and Bowmansville ..... W. J. Barkas, Tylersburg, "

Shirey and Greenville.....C. W. Mowry, supply, Piney, Pennsylvania
Kahletown and Pleasant Grove .....R. F. Leight, Clarington, "
Hallton and Portland Mills.....O. S. Winslow, supply, Brockport, "
R. H. Williams, supernumerary, Kane, Pennsylvania.

LOCAL PREACHERS

W. J. Hughes... Emporium, Pennsylvania
F. L. Clark.....Clifford, "
Galen Pond.....Ridgway, "
Oscar Davis .....Bullion, "
G. W. Gifford, Cherry Grove, "
Otto Krantz....Youngsville, "
F. B. Schreiner, Gibson avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
Alfred Beattie .....Sharon, Pennsylvania
John Shadle.....Fleming, "
Frank Young.....187 Dewey avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
H. A. Millison..... Du Bois, Pennsylvania
G. P. Lindsey. ...Franklin, "
W. A. McKay.....Utica, "
H. O. Ellithorpe.....Carlo, Pennsylvania
W. L. Newton..Port Allegany, "
Silas Smoch... ....Ridgway, "
William Richards...Mayburg, "
J. C. Bowman.....Tionesta, "
E. W. Liebendorfer, 187 Dewey avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
Charles Cowan.....Sharon, Pennsylvania
W. P. Fry.....Sharpsville, "
W. E. McFadden, Falls Creek, "
G. S. Mitchell.....Tidioute, "
W. T. Smith, East Main and Shady avenue, Corry, Pennsylvania.
James Ayre.....Buffalo, New York
W. B. Burns. .....Spring Arbor, Michigan
O. S. Winslow.....Brockport, Pennsylvania

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Emma Ellison....Titusville, Pennsylvania
May Fox.....Meadville, "
Josephine McCurdy, Oil City "
Victoria B. Reed.....254 Herkimer street, Buffalo, New York.
Jennie Tobey.....Franklin, Pennsylvania
Eva Young.....Siverly, "
Mary B. Simon..Grove City, "
J. K. Dale .....Franklin, "
Minnie M. Smith....Corry, "
Hulda McClellan....Ridgway, Pennsylvania
Florence A. Sager....28 West Fourth street, South Oil City, Pennsylvania.
Merrille Jacobs.....Seneca, Pennsylvania
Mrs. C. H. Glass, Tuna Creek, "
Mary J. Everhart...214 South Peoria street, Chicago, Illinois.
Clara Leffingwell....Bradford, Pennsylvania
Kate Smith ....Siverly, "
Viletta Dalrymple.....Greenville, Illinois

EVANGELISTS

Anna Mossinger..Meadville, Pennsylvania
John Shadle .....Fleming, "
Jennie Young.....Tyler, "
Margaret Call.....McKean, "
Ethel Cook.....Meadville, Pennsylvania
Luella Newton.....Eldred, "
Susie Whitford.....McKean, "
Helen Critchlow, Pleasantville, "
Gertrude Grimm.....Spring Arbor, Michigan

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Missions.—Assessed and paid, $243.
Church Extension.—Assessed and paid, $162.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $291.60.
General Conference Delegates' Expenses.—Assessed and paid, $81.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $486.
Conference Missions—Assessed and paid, $243.
Educational Fund.—Cash and receipts, $15.41.
Children's Fund.—Cash and receipts, $15.73.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

T. J. Stone.—As sunshine and shadows alternate, so joys and sorrows closely press upon each other. This time while shouts of praise are echoing throughout the church, at Titusville where the body of the Oil City conference has met for its fifth annual session, our overflow of joy gives way to sobs of grief and weeping at the announcement of the death of our beloved Thomas Stone. First, the usual surprise, then from scores of grief-stricken co-laborers is heard the deep-meaning "amen" to him who doeth many things which seem mysterious to us but who can make no mistakes. Then hope's bright beams

flash upon us and all are inspired by one thought fittingly expressed in the cheerful song, "We'll never say good-by." We now settle down to our loss and the world's loss of one of God's noblemen. We and the world will miss him. No more sermons and songs to cheer us. No more when midnight finds some souls at the altar at camp-meetings will he come to the rescue to champion the cause, and pray as only he could pray and bring victory from seeming defeat. Well, let us again say "amen" to God's will and each look and hope that his mantle may fall on us.

WOLCOTT.—Sister Minnie Hayford was born in McKean, Erie county, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1870. Having a very consecrated, devoted mother who taught her the principles of righteousness she was converted when a child, but retained her grace but a short time. At the age of eleven her mother passed into the glory world, leaving her in care of her sister. She was a member of the M. E. church for a number of years, but knew nothing of the grace of God until June 29, 1895, when she was wonderfully saved by the power of God at Springboro, under the labors of Rev. Mr. Schooley. She then became a very self-sacrificing, self-denying, devoted saint of God, caring not for her own life only as she spent it for lost souls. Her influence was felt everywhere for good. Having spent seventeen years of our lives together, we became one in heart, bearing each others sorrows and sharing each others joys. Feeling the call into the work of God she did not delay as do many, but went to Hope Mission, Pittsburg, in September of the same year she was saved. Here she labored for ten months, seeing souls saved through her efforts. She labored the following two years on the home circuit in band work where she was instrumental in winning gems for Jesus.

On December 22, 1898, she was married to Morgan E. Wolcott and spent the rest of her life in the work on the Johnsonburg, Pleasant Grove, Fleming and Philipsburg circuits. She left the field of labor on the Philipsburg circuit, to receive her eternal reward September 14, 1903. We shall miss her but we shall meet her in the morning.

III.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

It has pleased God to grant to the Oil City conference, for the few years since its organization, a good degree of prosperity. The outpouring of the Spirit which has been enjoyed has resulted in a quickening and enlargement of all departments of the work of God. We have had some gracious revivals and our membership has been increased yearly. Some new societies have been organized and new church and parsonage buildings erected. The work of experimental holiness has gone forward with power. We believe the work has a good foundation and a bright future. Shall we as a conference measure up to the situation and make the future of God's work what it ought to be to the glory of Christ Jesus? This report, therefore, is written, not in a congratulatory strain, but for the future of our work. The subject naturally divides itself into three heads: (1) What causes have contributed to this success? (2) What elements of weakness show themselves in the present condition of the work? (3) What dangers confront us? 1. The causes which have contributed to whatever success has attended our work for the past few years appear to have been the following: (a) The work has been carried on by both preachers and members, among themselves, as well as among those outside, with a single issue—holiness of heart and life. Personal aims and considerations either have been made a secondary matter or have been entirely lost sight of. While we have been keenly alive to all moral reforms and are by our very existence radically opposed to all prevailing forms of sin or wrong, yet we have been wise enough not to allow our church to degenerate into a mere reform church having simply negative issues. If we can get men holy in heart and life all reforms are immediately accomplished. (b) The first cause above mentioned precedes and produces the second, which is a genuine condition of brotherly love, harmony and unity, especially among the ministers and workers. This has existed to a marked degree even associated with the most radical differences about ways and means; about modes and methods. The preachers have loved each other with pure hearts fervently, and seem bound together by bands stronger than steel. (c) A spirit of aggressiveness has been especially prominent in this work. This has been manifested by pushing out into new fields, holding street meetings, grove meetings, camp-meetings; and, most of all, by house to house visitation. (d) A spirit of self-sacrifice has predominated with both preachers and people. The district elders, as well as the circuit preachers, have seemed willing to give up many comforts and conveniences of home life to win souls for God. The preachers on the various circuits have gladly received small and insufficient remuneration and have suffered many privations. At the same time the laity have nobly held up their hands by giving liberally for the support of the gospel, and by making sacrifices of money and of time to assist in carrying on God's work. 2. What weaknesses are manifested? It is useless to say there are none. There are some, and some quite serious ones. Is it wisdom to cover these from sight? Have we not intelligence enough to perceive, and grace enough to acknowledge, and courage enough to correct these elements of weakness? Your committee think we have. So we may frankly and boldly mention them. (a) First may be mentioned a lack of family government among both ministers and laymen; and, resulting from this, in some cases a lack of domestic piety. There should be an immediate and radical improvement in this respect. (b) Second, a lack

of systematic giving for the support of God's cause may be mentioned as a serious weakness in our church within the bounds of this conference. This failure puts heavy burdens upon the few faithful and willing pilgrims who will and do see that the financial obligations of the church are met. If we can once establish systematic giving on all our circuits, all our religious, charitable and benevolent enterprises will be abundantly and easily supplied with means for their needs, and new ones can be undertaken. (c) Third, there is a tendency observable at times to unduly exalt the emotional part of religion at the expense of the practical. We do not require or desire any less blessing and its manifestation, but we do need closer living and more careful walking before God. 3. What dangers confront us? The greatest danger of all is that a spirit of division may come in among us. Alas for our work when we lose that spirit of love, unity and harmony which has so remarkably characterized our work for the few years past. (a) A condition which may arise to cause division both among preachers and members is a desire to fill the best and most honorable places. This will be more likely to occur in the future as we increase in numbers and influence. (b) Next after the danger of division might be mentioned a disposition to laxity in holding our members to obtaining definitely the experience of holiness. God has called us out on this issue. Unless we hold to this definitely, persistently and steadily, we shall fail of our mission, lose our power, and soon have no place in God's work.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

To educate is to develop. God has created every man with a physical, a mental, and a moral or spiritual nature, and education in its fullest sense includes the proper training and development of the entire man.

It is the part of wisdom as far as possible to meet those conditions which conduce to our physical well-being, such as proper exercise, wholesome food, fresh air, avoidance of narcotics and everything that is detrimental to health.

While it is important that our physical natures should be properly developed it is more important that our minds should be properly improved, and still more necessary that our spiritual natures should be properly cared for.

We live in an educational age and no doubt the attention given to mental training will be increasingly great as time goes on. It is therefore necessary that we as a church in order to keep pace with the age should recognize this fact and exert ourselves accordingly, using all proper means to this end, and especially that the ministry should study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed. The course of study prescribed by the Discipline is excellent and may be mastered by any young man of ordinary ability in four years if he will apply himself as he should.

We would further state that we are in perfect sympathy with the institutions of learning of our denomination and would call special attention to the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary and Greenville College. At such schools our children may acquire an education without having instilled into their minds the subtle principles of worldliness, infidelity and higher criticism. But while we esteem an education of great importance in the work of the ministry we should remember that it is the gospel and not education that is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, and we are pleased to note that our last general conference has made provision for the reception of useful men who have been deprived of early educational privileges and we trust that this and other conferences will take advantage of the same and save these men to the work of God and the church.

V.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

No part of church work is more important than the Sunday-school. The children are the hope of the church. A Catholic priest once said, "Give me the training of a child for the first nine years of life and you may have it the rest." The scripture says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." If this be true, father and mother should take their places with the children in the Sunday-school and shed their influence upon their offspring in training for heaven. Statistics show that ninety per cent. of the converted people have been converted before twenty years of age and that their early training made the more lasting and vivid impression upon their minds and lives.

On account of so many of our young people being lost to our church we believe it due to the existing condition of the Sunday-school. We, your committee, therefore recommend, 1. That all our superintendents be spiritual, zealous, always on time, with a thorough knowledge of the lesson. 2. We recommend that under no consideration shall an unconverted teacher be allowed to teach in our Sunday-schools, as the spiritual import of the lesson cannot be conveyed by them to the scholar. 3. We also recommend that in every Sunday-school a teachers' meeting be organized and that it be attended weekly by all teachers. 4. We also recommend that the Home Department of the Sunday-school be organized in each society where possible. 5. We recommend that we use our own Sunday-school literature as it is the purest and most spiritual of any we know. 6. We recommend that libraries be placed in all our schools so that our scholars may have reading matter, pure and clean, selected by those having spiritual oversight of them. We believe that pure literature is a power in molding right character.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

BRADFORD, CLARION AND DU BOIS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
BRADFORD DISTRICT	W. B. Roupe, District Elder																	
Bradford	E. Blews	45	6	51	..	..	1	7	60	10	$ 13 80	$ 8 28	$ 6 90	$ 6 90	$ 4 60	$ 2 30	.....	$ 40 03
Coudersport	J. N. Bennett	9	1	10	..	..	1	6	20	1	5 40	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	90	.....	8 70
Duke Center and Rixford	J. E. Berkheimer	7	4	11	..	..	..	..	..	6	4 50	2 40	..	2 10	..	..	.....	.....
Eldred and West Eldred	T. J. Stone	44	12	56	..	1	2	14	60	6	12 90	7 74	6 45	6 45	4 30	1 04	.....	28 53
Emporium	R. A. Robertson	34	..	34	1	..	1	4	35	8	9 90	5 94	4 28	4 95	2 22	1 65	.....	30 00
Galeton	Minnie M. Smith, supply	13	3	16	..	..	1	7	50	9	5 00	2 88	2 50	2 40	1 60	80	.....	21 65
John Wesley church and Highland	J. J. Ginader	32	2	34	1	..	1	8	27	7	9 00	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	1 50	.....	63 03
Keech and Seven Bridges	F. W. Parks, supply	28	12	40	1	..	1	4	40	2	9 60	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	1 60	.....	.....
Lewis Run and Custer City	I. B. Hawks, supply	20	12	32	..	1	1	6	35	3	6 60	4 00	3 30	3 30	2 20	1 10	.....	
Ormsby and Smethport	J. F. Collins	5	1	6	..	..	1	6	20	1	1 30	76	60	60	40	20	.....	3 00
Port Allegany and Portage Creek	A. H. M. Zahniser	38	9	47	1	2	2	13	79	6	11 10	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	1 85	$ 1 22	31 84
Ridgway	C. H. Reed	35	2	37	2	1	1	7	45	6	7 80	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	1 30	.....	27 52
Tuna Creek	F. E. Pond	36	2	38	..	..	1	7	48	5	9 90	5 94	12 00	4 95	3 30	1 65	.....	16 20
Ulysses	Gertrude Grimm, supply	22	2	24	..	..	1	8	30	5	8 70	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 90	1 45	.....	.....
Scattering																	.....	114 73
CLARION DISTRICT	A. M. Bean, District Elder																	
Hallton	O. S. Winslow, supply	9	..	9	1	..	1	9	50	3	2 70	1 62	1 35	1 35	90	45	.....	.....
Kane and Johnsonburg	Jennie Young, supply	12	1	13	..	1	1	3	20	3	3 00	1 80	50	1 50	1 00	50	.....	.....
Marienville	A. M. Bean	25	3	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 00	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove and Kahletown	R. F. Leight	12	2	14	..	..	2	11	50	1	3 60	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	60	8 00	.....
Strattonville and Greenville	C. W. Mowry, supply	7	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	1	3 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	50	11 00	.....
Tylersburg and Bowmansville	W. J Barkas	30	3	33	..	..	2	16	58	5	10 20	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	1 70	1 50	
Scattering																	.....	12 00
DU BOIS DISTRICT	A. M. Bean, District Elder																	
Brockwayville	T. W. Murray	16	..	16	2	..	2	7	30	4	6 60	3 90	3 30	3 30	2 20	1 10	1 00	.....
Brookville	A. M. Bean	8	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Du Bois and Sabula	G. S. Bryan	20	3	23	..	..	1	7	18	9	6 30	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	1 05	3 26	.....
Forge and Buffalo Run	J. K. Mumau, supply	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Fleming	J. K. Mumau	42	1	43	1	1	1	8	38	10	15 00	9 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	2 50	.....	43 23
Penfield	G. J. Kelley	48	17	65	1	1	3	23	119	7	14 70	8 82	7 35	7 35	4 90	2 4	.....	31 71
Philipsburg and Gearhartville	M. E, Wolcott	21	..	21	..	..	2	7	45	5	6 60	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	1 10	.....	7 66
Scattering																	.....	53 71

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MEADVILLE, NEW CASTLE AND OIL CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
MEADVILLE DISTRICT	J. S. McGeary, District Elder																	
Blooming Valley	F. N. Fox, supply	10	..	10	..	..	1	7	23	2	$ 3 00	$ 1 80	$ 1 50	$ 1 50	$ 1 00	$ 50	.....	$ 17 67
Centerville	H. D. Todd	38	4	42	..	..	..	..	..	2	11 10	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	1 85	.....	3 00
Corry and Mill Village	W. E. Smith	20	9	29	1	..	1	4	12	7	8 10	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	1 35	.....	.....
Erie and McKean	G. A. Garrett,	23	3	26	2	..	1	4	10	5	5 40	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	90	.....	10 00
Meadville	F. N. Fox..	33	...	33	..	3	1	8	29	8	10 50	6 30	5 25	5 25	5 50	1 75	.....	95 38
Scattering		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	43
NEW CASTLE DISTRICT	J. S. McGeary, District Elder																	
Bruin	Helen Critchlow, supply	15	..	15	..	1	1	3	15	3	4 80	3 24	2 40	2 40	1 60	80	.....	5 00
Ellwood City	E. L. Kiffer	17	5	22	1	..	1	4	19	5	5 40	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	90	.....	31 29
Grove City	Mary J. Elliott, supply	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Mercer and Prospect	J. K. Odell	22	4	26	..	..	1	6	22	4	6 60	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	1 10	.....	27 95
New Castle, Dewey Ave and Coaltown	F. J. Barber	57	19	76	1	..	2	14	50	11	12 60	7 36	6 30	6 30	4 20	2 10	.....	135 33
" " Hoover Heights	A. G. Crill, supply.	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
" " Long Avenue	J. J. Zahniser	79	8	87	2	2	1	13	90	24	24 00	14 40	12 00	12 00	8 00	4 00	.....	132 00
Sharon.	A. J. Hill	47	12	59	2	..	1	6	40	7	11 10	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	2 00	.....	53 75
Sharpsville and Bethel	S. O. Yelvington	24	1	25	2	..	2	20	70	4	7 80	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	1 30	.....	18 35
Scattering		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	102 95
OIL CITY DISTRICT	M. B. Miller, District Elder																	
Barnes and Clarendon	C. E. Weaver	41	5	46	1	..	3	15	95	8	11 10	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	1 85	$ 8 58	5 51
Coal Hill	W. H. McClimans	30	3	33	..	..	2	15	80	8	9 60	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	1 60	.....	37 15
Franklin	J. M. Critchlow	75	10	85	3	1	2	15	75	15	26 40	15 84	13 20	13 20	8 80	4 40	.....	.....
Glade Run		3	..	3	..	..	1	3	15	1	1 50	90	75	75	50	25	.....	.....
East Hickory and Whig Hill	E. L. Monroe, supply	43	5	48	..	..	4	21	81	11	10 80	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	1 80	22 12	.....
Maybury and Kellettville	A. Smith	26	1	27	2	..	3	9	80	8	9 90	5 95	5 00	4 95	3 30	1 65	12 40	.....
Oil City, South Side	A. T. Sager	51	3	54	..	5	1	8	56	14	19 80	11 88	19 90	9 90	6 60	3 30	.....	114 56
Oil City, North Side and Siverly	H. D. Call	25	4	29	..	3	1	9	60	2	6 90	4 37	3 45	3 45	2 30	1 15	.....	10 00
Pleasantville and Enterprise	R. M. Whitcomb	44	4	48	..	..	2	10	55	5	12 60	7 56	6 30	6 30	4 20	2 10	.....	112 49
Rouseville and Jamison	H. H. Bradley	36	3	39	1	..	1	6	12	3	10 80	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	1 80	.....	20 49
Sugar Grove	F. A. Reese.	18	...	18	1	..	1	7	12	3	5 70	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	95	.....	.....
Tidioute	G. L Mitchell, supply	22	7	29	..	..	1	6	27	4	4 20	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	70	.....	43 41
Tionesta and Newmansville	R. McGarvey	67	9	76	1	..	2	18	120	13	17 40	10 44	12 00	8 70	5 80	2 90	.....	56 53
Titusville.	Emma Ellison, supply	28	7	35	..	2	1	6	24	6	8 10	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	1 35	.....	82 25
Weaver and West Home	May B. Simon, supply	20	8	28	..	1	2	13	50	2	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	3 50	.....
Youngsville	R. A. Zahniser	51	10	61	2	2	2	11	60	10	14 70	8 82	7 35	7 35	4 90	2 45	.....	59 40
Scattering		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	195 74
Sundry for entire conference		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	23 00
Collections		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	81 86
Total		1590	243	1833	33	29	72	172	2259	319	$ 473 10	$ 286 80	$ 252 98	$ 236 65	$157 02	$ 77 59	$ 72 58	2009 03

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CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
BRADFORD DISTRICT											
Bradford	$ 3 00		$ 35 20		$ 675 00	$ 90 00	$ 32 37	1	$ 2500	1	$ 1850
Coudersport	81	$ 41	10 00		234 14	20 00		1	1500	1	1500
Duke Center and Rixford					160 00	40 66	26 29	2	800		
Eldred and West Eldred			25 00		457 47	68 76	22 61	2	2300		
Emporium			17 50		453 78	66 68		1	1600	1	500
Galeton	50	50	31 60		250 00	40 26	5 60	1	1400		
John Wesley church and Highland			15 79		410 00	60 00		1	2000		
Keech and Seven Bridges			10 00		286 75	30 16		2	1700	1	300
Lewis Run and Custer City			24 00		250 00	38 09	17 50	1	800	1	400
Ormsby and Smethport	1 80		10 20		303 44	11 22	3 00			1	200
Port Allegany and Portage Creek	30	15	23 87	$ 10	281 37	35 00	31 37	1	1500		
Ridgway			25 00		725 00	67 39		1	2200	1	2000
Tuna Creek		2 20	19 10		315 00	47 67		2	2000	1	1000
Ulysses					138 00	48 07		1	1200	1	1200
Scattering						32 42					
CLARION DISTRICT											
Hallton					145 00	52 50	35 25	1	1300		
Kane and Johnsonburg			6 38		50 00	26 68		1	1500		
Marienville						52 83		2	2000		
Pleasant Grove and Kahletown			11 72		153 66	23 15	3 00	2	1000	1	250
Strattonville and Greenville					37 00	52 75		2	4100		
Tylersburg and Bowmansville			32 31		293 29	70 82	14 58	2	1400	1	350
DU BOIS DISTRICT											
Brockwayville			15 00		180 30	51 98		2	2400		
Brookville								1	5000		
Du Bois and Sabula	1 50	1 10	15 68		264 29	61 93	2 20	1	1800		
Forge and Buffalo Run					5 00						
Fleming			18 00		254 00	106 65		2	2500		
Penfield	2 55	1 20	46 03	74	426 16	74 29		1	1400	1	500
Philipsburg and Gearhartville			23 73		334 75	66 75		1	800		
MEADVILLE DISTRICT											
Blooming Valley			10 70		108 22	44 47					
Centerville					223 64	32 79	2 96	2	2200		
Corry and Mill Village			3 32		179 43	32 55	14 33	1	1200		
Erie and McKean			15 89		236 00	45 00	30 00				
Meadville		1 35	17 40	3 00	350 00	63 15	6 00	1	1000		
Scattering						91					
NEW CASTLE DISTRICT											
Bruin			15 07		178 33	33 88	8 50	1	1500	1	300
Ellwood City			30 00	75	385 00	37 55		1	1400	1	500
Grove City					140 50	12 75	26 25				
Mercer and Prospect	1 25	75	20 00		190 89	50 00	3 17	2	3000		
New Castle, Dewey Ave., Coaltown		4 01	53 85	30	436 33	79 66	3 40	2	2700		
" " Hoover Heights											
" " Long Avenue		5 60	116 00		667 26	116 14	81 52	1	4500		
Sharon			56 00		533 82	81 47	22 75	1	1000	1	1400
Sharpsville and Bethel			30 92		240 25	40 56	7 25	2	2200		
Scattering						62 70					
OIL CITY DISTRICT											
Barnes and Clarendon			75 00	50	500 22	70 06		2	2000		
Coal Hill		2 84	30 75		164 60	40 00	26 57	2	2000		
Franklin			54 00		525 00	81 31	25 00	1	4000	1	3000
Glade Run			12 00					1	1500		
East Hickory and Whig Hill			39 11		388 53	65 74	7 00	3	3500	1	800
Mayburg and Kellettville	2 00	4 00	43 00		389 00	55 29	17 57	3	3300	1	900
Oil City, South Side			45 00		540 00	73 17	15 00	1	2500	1	2000
Oil City, North Side and Siverly	1 00	1 20	24 36		269 79	25 20	9 10	1	1800		
Pleasantville and Enterprise	1 00		33 80		150 00	87 68	10 00	3	2000	1	200
Rouseville and Jamison			6 20		250 00	40 00		1	1500		
Sugar Grove			11 45		168 00	30 95	22 98				
Tidioute			11 12		292 59	47 36		1	1500	1	1000
Tionesta and Newmansville			50 00		460 00	80 00	45 11	2	2500	1	800
Titusville			12 25		300 00	50 33	6 50	1	4500		
Weaver and West Home			20 00		66 84	20 95	4 00	2	2800	1	600
Youngsville		36	39 77		413 25	70 00	36 02	2	2500		
Total	$15 71	$25 07	$1293 27	$ 5 39	15821 94	$2888 33	$ 624 75	75	$ 102300	23	$ 21550

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session, held at Snover, Michigan, September 23-26, 1903

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

E. D. HARTLEY, *Secretary.* H. MONTGOMERY, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, M. DeVoist, J. B. Call, W. W. Hoyt.
On Church Literature—J. M. Green, W. J. Hallead, D. P. Morse.
To Receive General Mission Funds—S. Porterfield.
To Receive Foreign Mission Funds—W. H. Haight.
To Raise Funds for Publishing the Minutes—W. E. Hosmer, A. D. Warren.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Receive General Superintendents' Claim—H. Voorhess.
To Receive Conference Claimants' Funds—M. L. Bovee.
To Receive Educational and Children's Funds—J. D. Bullock.
On Sunday-schools—O. L. King, Emma Brown, Phebe Proper.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. Burdett, N. M. Cooke, Bion Voorhess, Wright Bartlett.
On Reforms—W. G. Roe, R. D. Knapp.
On Education—W. J. Hallead, L. McLeas.
On the State of the Work—The district elders.
On Ministerial Relations—F. J. Calkins, John Featherstone, H. Montgomery, W. W. Hoyt.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

M. L. Bovee, president; W. H. Iles, secretary; E. D. Hartley, treasurer; Albert Yates, Albert Kilbourne.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Edward Steer, M. L. Bovee, S. H. Porterfield.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

S. G. Bartlett, M. L. Bovee, C. H. Sage, C. D. Hoadley, S. H. Porterfield.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Home Missions; second quarter, Church Extension and Aid Society, and a sum equal to ten cents per member for Marine City Mission; third quarter, General Superintendents' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. H. Sage,
M. DeVoist,
F. J. Calkins,
H. Voorhess,
S. Johnson,
H. Burse,
W. W. Hoyt,
S. G. Bartlett,
W. S. Haight,
J. W. Currier,
W. H. Iles,
M. Cuthbert,
I. Mudge,
D. C. Embery,
E. D. Hartley,
C. D. Hoadley,

PREACHERS—Continued

D. D. Marston,
W. Rennie,
S. H. Porterfield,
G. W. Bedell,
A. Tice,
N. A. Davis,
J. A. Spencer,
J. M. Green,
A. D. Warren,
F. A. Perkins,
M. L. Bovee,
W. G. Roe,
W. H. Haight,
W. J. Hallead,
E. D. Blackman,
B. F. Doolittle,
R. R. Haight,
N. M. Cooke,
E. Crippen,
S. Reed,
J. Burdett,
E. Steer,
A. J. Stevens,
O. L. King,
E. Barrett,
G. Phetteplace,
W. E. Hosmer,
A. S. Stambaugh,
J. D. Bullock,
S. W. Stone.
W. J. Jackson,
H. Montgomery,
A. J. Cooper,
Bion Voorhess,
W. Rumley,
J. N. Wilson,
B. H. Green,
A. E. Warren,
M. E. Howard,

DELEGATES

William Flanigan,
Henry Downey,
Nathan White,
E. A. Sage,
R. D. Knapp,
John Featherstone,
J. H. Dennis,
Thomas Jenkinson,
V. Dean,
David Robinson,
Joseph Upper,
Susan Ribble,
Homer C. Wright,
E. L. Brown,
D. P. Morse,
Anna Philip,
Alonzo Depeel,
Wright Bartlett,
U. O. Wilson,
C. B. Hodge,
Albert Henderson,
Henry Anderson,
George Pettingill,
Charles Mehlberg,
C. M. Haight,
James Young,
Curtis Lum,
Eliza Wilson,
A. E. Hoadley,
Leonard McLeas,
James Richard,
Robert Baker,
James McHarg.
Uriah Cross,
Mrs. J. Williams,
William McKenzie,
Abram Goss,
Phebe C. Proper,
L. J. Stiles,
C. D. Hartley,
S. J. Dickinson,
Jefferson Moore,
J. R. Garnett,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, E. Steer, F. J. Calkins, M. DeVoist, H. Burse, R. D. Knapp, C. B. Hodge, D. P. Morse, Leonard McLeas.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? M. G. Powell, C. C. VanWagoner, Oscar Freeman.

4. Who remain on trial? E. B. Call, Charles Caswell, Fred Crandall, James McMillan, James Clink.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? W. E. Hosmer, W. J. Jackson, N. A. Davis, W. J. Hallead, E. Barrett, J. M. Green, E. Crippen, A. J. Cooper, G. Phetteplace, A. E. Warren, R. R. Haight, M. E. Howard, A. D. Warren.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? G. W. Bedell.

8. Who have located this year? W. T. Sumner, membership at Porter, Michigan; S. S. Crandall was located according to ¶ 84 of the Discipline, membership with the Maple Ridge and Melita circuit.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. W. Hoyt, B. H. Green, M. Cuthbert.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? C. H. Sage, I. Mudge, S. Johnson, J. D. Bullock, W. S. Haight, D. C. Embery, William Rumley, J. W. Currier.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? S. W. Stone, an elder from the Ohio conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? William Rennie.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16–20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? C. H. Sage, $150; J. D. Bullock, $25; W. S.

Haight, $80; S. Johnson, $90; William Rumley, $40; J. W. Currier, $25; D. C. Embery, $25; Hattie Bennett and child, $50. Total, $485.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Flint City, Michigan, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1904, as is convenient with the arrangements of the general superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS

ST. JOHNS DISTRICT—F. J. Calkins, District Elder.

St. Johns ..... O. L. King
South Ovid ..... E. Hutchins, supply
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka ..... J. M. Green
Ithaca, Sickles and North Star ..... J. Clink
Oakley, Racy, Fergus and Brant ..... F. Wilkinson, supply
Gaines and Linden ..... J. N. Wilson
Corunna and Owosso ..... J. A. Spencer
New Haven and Hazelton ..... E. Steer
Locke, Perry and Fuller ..... W. J. Hallead
Livingston ..... C. Van Wagoner, supply
South Lyon and Silver Lake ..... W. E. Hosmer

B. H. Green, M. Cuthbert, supernumerary; C. D. Hoadley, E. Barrett, W. Iles, E. Blackman, F. A. Perkins, left without appointment; C. H. Sage, S. Johnson, J. Currier, superannuated; W. Jackson, left without appointment to attend Spring Arbor Seminary.

PORT HURON DISTRICT—S. W. Stone, District Elder.

Marine City and Adair ..... J. Burdett
Kimball ..... M. Powell
Memphis and Richmond ..... E. Crippen
Yale and Ball ..... D. D. Marston; John Anderson, supply
Sanilac Center ..... A. J. Stevens
Snover and Argyle ..... A. D. Warren
Harbor Beach and Delaware ..... E. Call
Ubly and Meade ..... A. Tice
Wilmot and Evergreen ..... A. S. Stambaugh
Caro and Akron ..... F. Crandall
East Vassar ..... To be supplied
Mayville ..... C. Caswell
Saginaw Mission ..... W. H. Haight

W. S. Haight, J. D. Bullock, I. Mudge, superannuated.

BAY CITY DISTRICT—S. H. Porterfield, District Elder.

Bay City ..... J. McMillen
West Bay City ..... H. Burse
Fraser, Kawkawlin and North Williams ..... William Mowery, supply
Aranac and Whitefeather ..... Curtis Lumm, supply
Gladwin and New Sanilac ..... N. A. Davis
Porter, Bethany, Wheeler and Little Sault ..... Bion Voorhess
Alpena and Long Lake ..... Seth Bartlett
Wilson and Rayburn ..... Oscar Freeman
Rose City and Bell schoolhouse ..... R. R. Haight
West Branch, Campbell's Corners and Edwards ..... S. Reed
Maple Ridge and Melita ..... N. M. Cook
Sterling, Moore's Junction and Alger ..... Charles Lee
Alamando and Hope ..... Fred Parks, supply
Indian Mission ..... William Henry
Oscoda and North Lake ..... M. Smith, supply

A. J. Cooper, left without appointment; W. W. Hoyt, supernumerary; George Bedell evangelist; William Rennie, granted certificate of standing; S. S. Crandall, located according to Discipline, ¶ 83 and ¶ 84; W. T. Sumner, granted certificate of location; William Rumley, D. Embery, superannuated.

FLINT DISTRICT—M. DeVoist, District Elder.

Flint and Genesee ..... H. Montgomery
West Flint, Forest and Lennon ..... George Roe
Holly and Germany ..... E. D. Hartley
Farrandville and Flushing ..... Robert Parker, supply
Elk and Albee ..... M. E. Howard
Davison and Goodrich ..... M. L. Bovee
Mayfield and Burnside ..... C. H. Bartlett, supply
Amy, Brandon and Oxford ..... H. Voorhess
Washington, Ray and Bruce ..... A. E. Warren
Otisville ..... G. Phetteplace
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett ..... B. F. Doolittle

PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

W. W. Hoyt ..... Porter, Michigan
F. J. Calkins ..... Montrose, "
M. DeVoist .... 738 Lingle avenue, Owosso, Michigan.
E. Steer .... R. R. No. 7, Owosso, Michigan
H. Montgomery ..... 724 Oak street, Flint, Michigan.
S. H. Porterfield ... 301 Spruce street, West Bay City, Michigan.
W. H. Haight ... 626 North Porter street, Saginaw, W. S. Michigan.
A. J. Cooper .....
W. G. Roe .... R. R. No. 5, Flint, Michigan
S. Johnson ..... Saranac, "
I. Mudge, 2070 Military street, Port Huron, Michigan.
W. T. Sumner ..... Porter, Michigan
C. D. Hoadley ..... Sickles, "
W. S. Haight ..... Silver Wood, "
G. W. Bedell ..... West Branch, "
W. Rennie ..... Jasper, "
W. J. Jackson .... Spring Arbor, "
W. H. Iles ..... Elsie, "
J. Burdett ..... Marine City, "
S. G. Bartlett ..... Alpena, "
B. H. Green ..... Ovid, "
J. M. Green ..... Elsie, "
N. M. Cooke ..... Maple Ridge, "
A. S. Stambaugh ..... Wickware, "
A. E. Warren ..... Washington, "
E. Crippen ..... Memphis, "
M. Cuthbert ..... St. Johns, "
D. Bullock .... Saginaw, W. S., "
M. E. Howard ..... Elk, "
S. W. Stone .....
W. J. Hallead ..... Williamstown, Michigan
O. L. King ..... St. Johns, "
D. D. Marston ..... Yale, "
D. C. Embery .....
Bion Voorhess ..... Porter, "
E. D. Blackman ..... Mason, "
E. D. Hartley, R. R. No. 2, Fenton, "
H. Burse ..... Pontiac, "
A. Tice ..... Ubly, "
M. L. Bovee ..... Davison Station, "
A. J. Stevens ..... Sanilac Center, "
J. W. Currier ..... Spring Arbor, "
E. Barrett ..... Brant, "
H. Voorhess ..... Amy, "
W. Rumley ..... Gladwin, "
N. A. Davis ..... Gladwin, "
B. F. Doolittle ..... Hadley, "
G. Phetteplace ..... Otisville, "
J. N. Wilson, R. R. No. 2, Durand, "
J. A. Spencer .... 707 Grand avenue, Owosso, Michigan.
C. H. Sage ..... Ovid, Michigan
R. R. Haight ..... Rose City, "
W. E. Hosmer ..... South Lyon, "
Fred Crandall ... R. R No. 5, Caro, "
James McMillan, 706 Lafayette avenue, Bay City, Michigan.
James Clink ..... North Star, Michigan
M. G. Powell ..... Kimball, "
C. C. VanWagoner .... Fowlerville, "
Oscar Freeman ..... Dafoe, "
I. Mudge ..... Smith Creek, "
A. D. Warren ..... Snover, "
S. Reed ..... West Branch, "
E. B. Call ..... Harbor Beach, "
Charles Caswell ..... Mayville, Michigan

MISCELLANEOUS

The twentieth session of the conference was held in two large tabernacles at Snover, Michigan, September 23-26, 1903. Five sittings were held. H. D. F. Gaffin was present in the interest of Spring Arbor Seminary. Rev. G. Lewis was with us and represented the publishing house. Rev. E. P. VanVranken of the West Kansas conference and Rev. Mr. Walter of the Evangelical Association, favored us with their presence.

Sister Winget, Sister Agnew and Peter added to the interest of foreign missions with their presence and exhortations. A collection in cash and subscriptions to the amount of $128.76 was taken for the foreign work.

Brother Sellew presented the needs of the Gerry Home, and $7.21 in cash and over $30.00 in subscriptions was taken for its support.

The conference ordered that a sum equal to fifteen cents per member be raised for

Home Missions and sent to the district elder of Bay City district. The following appropriations were made from said Home Mission funds: Marine City Mission, $25; Saginaw Mission, $25; St. Johns, $25; district elder of Bay City district, $50; Alpena, $20; Mayfield, $20. Total, $165.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
ST. JOHNS DISTRICT											
St. Johns	$ 80	$ 80	$ 30 00	.....	$ 282 49	$ 29 50	.....	1	$ 3000	1	$ 800
South Ovid	..		.....		5 00	19 50	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka	.....	2 00	73 82	$ 45	419 68	65 00	.....	3	3000	1	1200
Ithaca and Sickles	.....	1 15	21 37	...	294 63	32 00	$ 18 83	3	2000	1	300
Oakley, Racy, Fergus and Brant	.....	.	18 00		264 00	34 73	.....	3	1500	1	500
Gaines, Linden and Swartz Creek	5 37	2 27	24 91	....	413 35	52 00	21 85	3	2200	1	600
Corunna and Owosso	....	1 37	20 94	...	317 96	30 00	.....	2	1800	1	650
New Haven and Hazelton		50	36 00		318 48	30 00	.....	2	2000	1	600
Locke, Perry and Fuller	1 00	....	35 00	1 00	375 00	51 00	.....	1	1000	1	400
Livingston		....	57 70	...	350 0	40 00	.....	1	1000	1	700
S. Lyon, Silver Lake and Brighton	.....	.....	8 18	30	321 89	18 00	33 51	2	1500	1	400
FLINT DISTRICT											
Flint and Genesee	....	2 00	31 33	.....	520 00	42 00	.....	2	1900	1	1850
West Flint, Forest and Lennon		1 63	25 00	.....	320 00	46 00	.....	3	3000	1	600
Holly and Germany	3 06	....	11 00	....	298 00	37 00	.....	2	1600	1	500
Farrandville and Flushing	....	....	12 00	.....	262 60	32 00	31 50	2	1000	1	200
Elk and Albee	.....		22 75	.....	295 05	34 00	11 00	1	800	1	500
Davison and Goodrich	...	2 83	19 40	....	457 85	40 00	.....	2	1800	1	800
Mayfield and Burnside	....	.....	15 12	.....	128 29	23 00	.....	1	900	..	.....
Amy, Brandon and Oxford	.....	...	47 04	.....	349 96	38 00	.....	2	1875	1	500
Washington and Ray		..	.....	.....	250 00	38 00	.....	2	2000	..	.....
Otisville	2 00	1 66	15 00	....	222 23	46 00	.....	1	800	1	450
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett	1 45	....	9 57	....	318 97	37 00	.....	1	1000	1	500
PORT HURON DISTRICT											
Memphis and Richmond	.....	...	35 00	.....	301 35	42 00	.....	3	2400	1	500
Marine City Mission	50		25 00	.....	213 25	20 00	2 00	1	1200	1	.....
Kimball	....	1 50	18 00	25	244 28	24 00	2 58	1	400	1	300
Yale and Ball	.....	3 00	57 75	.....	352 00	42 00	.....	2	1500	1	600
Sanilac Center	3 85	1 57	36 01	.....	372 51	42 00	.....	1	800	1	600
Harbor Beach and Delaware	1 73	1 29	5 56	.....	317 04	42 00	.....	2	1800	1	800
Snover and Argyle		5 00	50 00	.	345 73	42 00	.....	2	1600	1	500
Ubly and Meade	1 00	91	27 26	.....	375 50	....	.....	2	1600	1	600
Wilmont and Evergreen	....	.....	25 00	.....	266 34	25 00	.....	1	500	..	.....
Caro and Akron	.....	...	25 00	.....	295 00	20 00	.....	2	1100	1	300
East Vassar		...	.....	.....	31 00	10 88	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Mayville	1 65	1 35	.....	.....	322 07	28 00	5 00	1	800	1	500
Saginaw Mission	.....	...	21 50	.....	368 38	20 00	.....	1	1000	.	.....
BAY CITY DISTRICT											
Bay City	....	.....	22 00	.....	450 00	19 00	.....	1	1000	1	500
West Bay City	.....	.	28 49	1 00	316 26	20 00	4 75	1	1000	1	500
Kawkawlin and North Williams	...	.....	14 70	.....	217 50	29 00	.....	1	500	..	.....
Fraser and Whitefeather	....	.....	.....	.....	185 47	25 00	.....	1	1000	1	500
Gladwin and New Sanilac	....	.....	15 00	.....	213 65	28 00	.....	1	800	..	.....
Porter, Wheeler, Bethany, Little Sault	.....	....	55 64	.....	330 00	30 00	.....	3	2000	1	500
Alpena and Long Lake	.....	....	8 00	.....	277 31	30 00	.....	1	1200	1	600
Wilson and Rayburn		....	25 00	.....	109 00	36 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Rose City and Bell schoolhouse	1 55	....	25 00	.....	434 70	32 00	45 00	1	1000	1	700
West Branch, Campbell s Corners and Edwards	.....	...	30 00	.....	229 00	28 00	.....	2	1200	1	500
Maple Ridge and Melita	...	43	37 45	.....	302 25	32 00	17 00	2	1200	1	300
Sterling, Moore's Junction, Aranac	....	.....	24 60	.....	252 37	30 50	26 00	2	850	1	500
Alamando and Hope	....	....	.....	.....	180 00	22 00	.....	1	500	1	500
Indian Mission	.....	....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Beaverton		....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$23 96	$31 26	$1156 09	$ 3 00	14095 39	$1535 11	$ 219 02	76	$ 89125	39	$ 16415

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

ST JOHNS AND FLINT DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ST. JOHNS DISTRICT	E. Steer, District Elder																	
St. Johns	M. Cuthbert	25	3	28	1	..	1	7	40	7	$ 7 80	$ 4 68	$ 3 90	$ 3 90	$ 2 60	.....	.....	.....
South Ovid	B. H. Green	6	...	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 80	1 08	90	90	32	.....	.....	.....
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka	A. J. Stevens	72	3	75	..	1	3	17	140	13	20 80	11 70	9 75	9 75	6 50	.....	$ 16 50	$ 6 50
Ithaca and Sickles	James Clink	21	2	23	..	..	2	13	51	7	6 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	2 30	.....
Oakley, Racy, Fergus and Brant	W. J. Hallead	46	4	50	..	1	1	7	35	7	12 00	6 00	4 46	7 10	4 80	.....	.....	4 55
Gaines, Linden and Swartz Creek	J. N. Wilson	57	4	61	3	1	2	20	75	20	17 10	10 26	23 19	8 55	5 70	.....	12 64	26 30
Corunna and Owosso	J. A. Spencer	45	7	52	2	2	2	8	35	8	12 90	7 74	6 45	6 45	4 30	.....	13 86	.....
New Haven and Hazelton	J. M. Green	31	1	32	1	..	2	12	50	8	9 60	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	.....	3 00	.....
Locke, Perry and Fuller	W. J. Jackson	65	2	67	..	1	2	18	125	22	20 70	12 42	10 35	10 35	4 40	.....	.....	15 00
Livingston	C. P. Van Wagoner	45	8	53	1	1	1	10	100	10	15 60	9 36	7 80	7 60	5 20	.....	.....	24 24
S. Lyon, Silver Lake and Brighton	W. E. Hosmer	17	...	17	..	..	2	17	35	8	4 80	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	5 55	.....
FLINT DISTRICT	F. J. Calkins, District Elder																	
Flint and Genesee	H. Montgomery	47	2	49	..	..	1	12	65	15	12 00	7 20	10 00	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	17 27
West Flint, Forest and Lennon	W. G. Roe	31	..	31	..		3	16	75	8	11 10	6 66	5 55	5 55	3 70	.....	.....	12 00
Holly and Germany	E. D. Hartley	26	1	27	..	..	1	10	35	8	7 50	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	3 00
Farrandville and Flushing	James Burdett	29	3	32	..	..	2	14	50	3	9 60	5 76	4 80	4 80	2 00	.....	3 00	.....
Elk and Albee	M. G. Powell	47	7	54	..	1	1	7	55	5	15 00	.....	7 50	12 50	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
Davison and Goodrich	M. L. Bovee	47	6	53	..	1	1	8	50	10	10 50	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 50	.....	50 26	20 00
Mayfield and Burnside	R. Parker	20	1	21	1	..	2	10	50	3	5 70	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 33	.....	1 00	.....
Amy, Brandon and Oxford	H. Vorhess	39	2	41	..	..	3	19	140	6	11 40	6 84	5 70	21 52	3 80	.....	5 00	16 39
Washington and Ray	A. E. Warren	29	20	49	1		2	17	80	5	6 30	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Otisville	C. H. Lee	53	2	55	1		2	9	50	4	15 30	9 18	7 65	7 65	4 10	.....	3 64	.....
Hadley, Cobb and Bassett	G. B. Phetteplace	40	4	44	1	..	1	9	55	6	11 10	6 66	5 55	5 55	2 49	.....	5 00	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—Continued

PORT HURON AND BAY CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PORT HURON DISTRICT	M. DeVoist, District Elder																	
Memphis and Richmond	S. H. Porterfield	44	2	46	...	...	2	16	80	8	$ 12 30	$ 7 38	$ 6 15	$ 6 15	$ 4 10	...	$ 2 40	$ 7 00
Marine City Mission	F. E. Bennett	17	...	17	...	...	1	8	45	2	4 50	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 60	...	...	...
Kimball	C. H. Bartlett	27	...	27	1	...	1	9	46	2	8 10	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	...	41	12 68
Yale and Ball	D. D. Marston	44	2	46	3	...	2	12	75	6	12 60	7 56	6 30	6 30	4 20	...	...	20 00
Sanilac Center	M. E. Howard	46	3	49	1	1	3	31	175	7	11 90	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	...	5 67	20 46
Harbor Beach and Delaware	Bion Vorhess	36	3	39	1		1	6	25	8	11 40	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	...	5 45	4 00
Snover and Argyle	E. B. Call	49	9	58	5	...	4	22	150	8	13 50	8 10	6 75	6 75	4 00	...	...	34 00
Ubly and Meade	A. Tice	40	6	46		3	2	14	128	6	12 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	...	1 00	...
Wilmont and Evergreen	J. M. McMillen	51	17	68	1	1	1	9	60	4	14 70	8 82	7 35	7 35	4 90	...	...	...
Caro and Akron	F. L. Crandall	15	6	21	...	...	2	14	80	6	3 30	1 95	1 65	1 65	1 10	...	...	2 00
East Vassar	J. D. Bullock	6	...	6		...	...	...	...	...	3 72	2 16	9	1 80		...	...	...
Mayville	C. E. Caswell	25	10	35	...		...	...	...	7	8 40	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	...	50	5 00
Saginaw Mission	W. H. Haight	21	5	26	1	1	1	7	40	5	7 10	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	...	3 90	1 60
BAY CITY DISTRICT	H. Burse, District Elder																	
Bay City	R. R. Haight	28	16	44	1	...	2	12	60	2	9 00	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	...	10 00	24 00
West Bay City	O. L. King	22	6	28	...	...	1	9	45	6	6 30	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	...	9 36	8 00
Kawkawlin and North Williams	S. Reed	36	6	42			2	13	40	3	9 00	5 76	4 80	4 80	58	...	...	...
Fraser and Whitefeather	R. Hall, supply	28	2	30	1	1	...	...		...	9 90	5 94	4 95	4 48	77	...	...	...
Gladwin and New Sanilac	W. Rumley	36	1	37	...	...	2	15	50	1	11 55	6 30	8 57	...	...	...	75	...
Porter, Wheeler, Bethany, Little Sault	A. D. Warren	77	17	94	1	...	5	30	185	4	19 20	10 80	9 00	9 00	6 50	...	18 56	2 00
Alpena and Long Lake	S. H. Bartlett	32	...	32	1		1	8	35	...	8 10	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	...	4 50	...
Wilson and Rayburn	S. G. Bartlett	31		31	1	...	2	15	50	...	9 00	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	...	16 91	...
Rose City and Bell schoolhouse	W. Rennie	34	19	53	1	1	2	10	70	4	8 40	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	...	12 50	...
W. Branch, Campbell's Corners and Edwards	G. W. Bedell	33	7	40	1	1	2	20	80	2	5 00	3 00	4 95	4 95	...	...	...	...
Maple Ridge and Melita	N. M. Cook	48	9	57	1	1	2	19	132	3	15 30	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 10	...	18 25	7 89
Sterling, Moore's Junction and Aranac	W. Mowery, supply	37	10	47	2	...	2	12	47	...	10 80	6 48	5 40	...	3 60	...	...	...
Alamando and Hope	F. Parks, supply	22	9	31	1	...	2	17	60	1	3 00	1 80	1 80	1 50	1 00	...	...	...
Indian Mission	W. Henery, supply	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beaverton	W. Rumbly	...	2	2	...	...	1	4	50	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		1728	249	1977	34	19	83	592	3199	279	$ 492 67	$ 293 23	$ 266 31	$ 258 10	$146 99	...	$ 231 91	$297 88

IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Session, held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, September 2–5, 1903

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President.*

W. W. VINSON, *Secretary.*
J. P. DOUD, *Assistant Secretary.*
E. J. FISH, *Statistical Secretary.*
J. W. E. AMBROSE, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, E. E. Hall, C. W. Carnes, John Moran.
On Publications—G. A. Anderson, W. W. Vinson, M. Besh.
On Reforms—J. P. Doud, W. C. Houts, L. A. Nicklin.
On State of the Work—E. E. Hall, C. W. Carnes, G. W. Holmes.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. S. Booton, E. J. Fish, H. S. Stewart.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Sunday-schools—J. Q. Murray, J. Graham.
On Home Missions—The stationing committee.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—T. J. Fuller.
On Education—E. J. Fish, T. M. Fenwick, Adena Burg.
On Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, E. E. Hall, C. W. Carnes, M. Besh, J. Graham.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. E. Hall, for five years; G. A. Anderson, for four years; J. P. Doud, for three years; C. W. Carnes, for two years; E. J. Fish, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. E. Hall, president; J. P. Doud, secretary; S. E. Freeman, treasurer; C. W. Carnes, M. Besh.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Home Missions (10 cents per member), and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents' Salary; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. C. Thompson,
L. W. Rubardt,
J. Q. Murray,
J. S. Booton,
W. J. Trimble,
J. W. E. Ambrose,
W. W. Bates,
E. A. Clark,
J. C. Long,
C. W. Carnes,
G. A. Anderson,
J. Moran,
H. S. Stewart,
T. M. Fenwick,
Luke Scripter,
H. A. Dalrymple.
L. Mendenhall,
W. E. Boger,
W. C. Houts,
W. A. Whitlock,
J. W. White,
W. W. Vinson,
W. E. Stuart,
E. E. Hall,
J. P. Doud,
J. M. Lute,
W. E. DeHarppart,
E. J. Fish,
E. E. Dalby,
G. G. Booton,

DELEGATES

Mollie Metcalf,	Adena Burg,	Charles Zinder,	G. W. Holmes,
J. Graham,	Minnie Campbell,	L. A. Nicklin,	T. J. Fuller,
A. J. Eslinger,	E. Payne,	S. E. Freeman,	I. A. Stowers,
M. Besh,	Josephine Tracy,	E. O. Millen,	H. N. Dickson,
Evaline Wymore,	Eva E. Sterges,	H. L. Upton,	Ben Hazeltine,
Robert Earl.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, E. E. Hall, C. W. Carnes, M. Besh, J. Graham.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Perry E. Morgan, Frank M. Smith.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? G. G. Booton, E. A. Clark, H. A. Dalrymple.

6. Who are the deacons? T. M. Fenwick, E. E. Dalby, †G. G. Booton, †E. A. Clark, †H. A. Dalrymple, ‡Ivan A. Stowers.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. J. Trimble.

8. Who have located this year? J. M. Lute.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? E. E. Dalby.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? J. C. Long, W. C. Thompson, L. Mendenhall, L. W. Rubardt, W. A. Whitlock, the last three waiving their claims.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? Luke Scripter, an elder from the Kansas conference; W. E. Stuart, an elder from the Susquehanna conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. W. Bates, W. C. Houts.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16–20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? $200. J. C. Long, $50; W. C. Thompson, $150.

22, 23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? A committee of three, C. W. Carnes, G. A. Anderson and W. W. Vinson to decide on place; the time as near the first Wednesday in September, 1904, as is consistent with the plans of the general superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirtieth session of the Iowa annual conference was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, September 2-5, 1903, General Superintendent W. T. Hogue presiding. Five sittings were held.

C. W. Carnes and G. A. Anderson were elected traveling district elders on the first and fifth ballot respectively.

W. T. Hogue preached three times, and the following brethren once each: J. S. Booton,

†Ordained this year. ‡Local deacon.

E. J. Fish, L. Scripter, A. Steadwell, G. A. Anderson, F. I. Waters. Various city pulpits were also filled by J. P. Doud, J. Q. Murray, J. W. E. Ambrose, W. E. DeHarppart, E. J. Fish, W. W. Vinson.

Rev. F. I. Waters of the West Iowa conference and Rev. A. Steadwell of the West Kansas conference, also Rev. J. G. Walz of the Union Evangelical church of Cedar Rapids and Rev. Mershon, pastor of Trinity M. E. church of Cedar Rapids, were invited to honorary seats in the conference.

Sherman Cooper, principal of Wessington Springs Seminary, and Emma Appling, returned missionary from India, were added to the honorary members.

Sister Appling conducted an excellent missionary meeting in the Third Avenue Presbyterian church, Sabbath afternoon. An offering of $108 in cash and subscription was received.

The conference claims were met in full.

W. T. Hogue addressed the conference by request, in the interest of Greenville College and a collection of $61.50 was received.

W. J. Trimble was ordained elder, and G. G. Booton, E. A. Clark and H. A. Dalrymple were ordained deacons. Ivan A. Stowers was ordained local deacon.

A vote of thanks was tendered the president of the conference, the pastor, society, and people of Cedar Rapids, the Y. M. C. A. for courtesies extended, the press of the city and the secretaries and treasurer of the conference.

The conference ordered that all claims be sent to the conference treasurer.

APPOINTMENTS

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT—C. W. Carnes, District Elder, Fairfield, Iowa.

Fairfield and Hickory Ridge ..... W. E. Stuart, Fairfield, Iowa
Birmingham, Oak Grove, Coalport and Mt. Zion ..... H. A. Dalrymple, Birmingham, "
Ottumwa ..... J. Q. Murray, Ottumwa, "
Eldon, Pleasant View, White Elm and Bethel ..... E. A. Clark, Eldon, "

W. C. Houts, given certificate of transfer; L. Mendenhall, superannuated without claim; C. W. Carnes, member of the Fairfield district quarterly conference.

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT—C. W. Carnes, District Elder.

Centerville and Cincinnati ..... J. W. White, Centerville, Iowa
Brompton .... Perry E. Morgan, Nellie Morgan, supplies, R. F. D. No. 2, Blakesburg, "
Wayne County Mission ..... J. H. Grovier, Phœbe Grovier, supplies

W. A. Whitlock, superannuated without claim.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—C. W. Carnes, District Elder.

Burlington, South Hill and North Hill .... W. W. Vinson, 818 Arch street, Burlington, Iowa
Morning Sun ..... G. G. Booton, Morning Sun, "

J. M. Lute, granted a certificate of location; W. W. Bates, granted a certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT—G. A. Anderson, District Elder, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Knoxville and Des Moines ..... J. P. Doud, Knoxville, Iowa
Rose Hill, Delta and Whatcheer ..... L. Scripter, Rose Hill, "
Oskaloosa ..... To be supplied
Ackworth and Summerset ..... F. M. Roberts, supply, Ackworth, Iowa
Barnes and Riggs ..... H. S. Stewart, Barnes, "
Newton and Wilson ..... Frank Smith, Newton, "

W. E. DeHarppart, evangelist; E. E. Dalby, supernumerary; J. C. Long, superannuated; W. E. Boger, left without appointment.

CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT—G. A. ANDERSON, District Elder.

Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Dunkerton.....John Moran, Cedar Falls, Iowa
Conrad and Radcliffe..... .....J. S. Booton, Conrad, "
E. J. Fish, evangelist; L. W. Rubardt, superannuated.

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT—G. A. ANDERSON, District Elder.

Cedar Rapids and Marion.....J. W. E. Ambrose, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Toddville and No. 1..... .....E. E. Hall, Toddville, "
Maquoketa, Ironhills, Monmouth and DeWett.....W. J. Trimble, Maquoketa, "
Walker and Cedar Ridge ....T. M. Fenwick, Walker, "
W. C. Thompson, superannuated; G. A. Anderson, member of Cedar Rapids district quarterly conference.

EVANGELISTS

W. E. DeHarppart, Howard Durfee, J. H. Grovier, Phœbe Grovier,
Belle Vinson, Etta Murray, Cordelia Maring Peterson.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed and paid, $234.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Assessed, $140.06.
Paid, $140.67; surplus, $.61. Total, $140.67.

GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, $117.

CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY.—Assessed and paid, $78.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.—$4.50.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—$11.03.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—$67.21.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS.—Assessed and paid, $117.
The following appropriations from this fund were made: J. Q. Murray, $100; J. S. Booton, $4; G. G. Booton, $2; W. W. Vinson, $4; E. A. Clark, $4; W. E. Stuart, $3.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

We would not forget to express our gratitude to God for the mercies shown us during the past year. While death has visited some of our societies and some of the workers have been called to their reward, yet we have great reason to thank God for his loving kindness and divine help. We feel deeply humiliated to learn that instead of an increase in membership there has been a decrease of nearly forty members during the past year. The paramount need throughout the conference and all over this country is a mighty, sweeping revival of old-time religion. This is the great need everywhere. How shall it be brought about? First, we need a deeper consecration to God and the work he has called us to, both on the part of the ministry and the laity.

We view with alarm the growing tendency on the part of many of our preachers to give so much of their time to secular pursuits—time which they promised God and the church should all be devoted to him and his work. We feel like insisting on our preachers devoting more of their time to pastoral visiting and in doing personal work among the people. If there is any complaint against any of our preachers, it is almost invariably this: "He don't do pastoral work." There are a hundred complaints on this line where there is one regarding his preaching ability; and we believe that in nearly every instance he would receive a better support, if he would give himself fully to the work of the ministry. The request of most of the circuits is, "Send us a good pastor."

Again, the craze to make money is working ruin on many of our circuits. Many of our

people move away and weaken and ofttimes ruin whole societies, because (like Lot) they fancy they see a good grazing country, and they pitch their tents toward Sodom without any regard to the work of God or their own spiritual welfare.

Again, one reason why so many of our preachers are leaving the field is because they see the laity making money and laying by something for a rainy day and paying but little more to the cause of God than they did when they were poor. Thus they are tempted to turn their attention to some other occupation in order to supply something for the support of their families when they are gone, other than leaving them to the charities of the church or at the mercy of a cold world.

We would urge our people to be more liberal in supporting our work. Let us all renew our covenant with God, now, in the beginning of this new conference year, to stand by the work of the Lord as never before. Let us go in for a revival on every circuit and in every society. God bless us as a conference and make this a year of victory and salvation!

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

One of the greatest powers either for good or evil is the press. By what men read they are made either better or worse. One has said, "I am a part of all I have read." Or, what I have read goes to make up what I am. Good men and bad men have both gotten a grip on the press. They are both determined to succeed in their work. We live in a world which, like the open sea, permits men to steer where they please. Knowing this to be a fact, we should choose with great care what we read and recommend for others to read.

As Free Methodists and Christians we should be very careful what we read. We consider the FREE METHODIST as a religious journal among the best, if not the best published, the freest from impure teaching. Seldom do we find anything within its pages, but what is practical, wholesome and experimental. The FREE METHODIST in the past, with its able editors and many able contributors, has been in the front rank with the periodicals of the times. And as a conference (and we hope as a church) we are praying the blessing of God on the new editor and his corps of assistants. that the FREE METHODIST may retain its present place in the front ranks of religious papers. We would earnestly urge our people to procure the *Earnest Christian*, a monthly magazine alwars filled with choice things from Father's table. We recommend the *Missionary Tidings* to all of our people. Our Sunday-school literature is excellent and should be used by all our Sunday-schools. We would speak a word of encouragement for the *Free Gospel Banner*, edited by J. H. Flower, of St. Louis, Missouri, and the *Pilgrim's Banner*. edited by J. H. Wilson of the West Iowa conference, believing as our Lord has said, "Those who are not against us are for us."

Seeing by the report from the different charges the small number of FREE METHODISTS taken by our people, we urge our district elders and pastors to make a determined effort to increase the subscription list one hundred per cent. in the coming year.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

As a church we stand firmly upon the principle that spiritual attainments are the chief requisites to usefulness in the work of God, and the best advertisement to the efficiency of the gospel we preach, to save the lost. But we stand just as firmly upon the principle that consecrated education is a vital help, and we believe it to be practically an essential to real success in soul-saving.

Further, we believe that no educational system is complete without being thoroughly Christian, both in purpose and in practice. In view of the fact that the Free Methodist church has, from its beginning, promoted Christian education by a most earnest and effectual effort to place our schools in reach of all, it is needless to say that we believe in Christian education. We believe it to be the sense of this conference that the young people in our Free Methodist homes especially, and as many others as possible be urged to attend our schools, not simply as a means of culture, but as a means of salvation coupled with culture.

Further, it is the sense of this conference that every Free Methodist pastor should con-

sider himself a special agent in his congregation to urge the need of just such Christian education as is afforded by our schools.

We deem it a special privilege that we have with us at this sitting of the conference the president of Greenville College, as our general superintendent, and as a conference we commend this, our school, to the special attention of all our young people.

V.—ON REFORMS.

Prohibition.—As we listen to the voice of the general conference we hear, "Let every man break away from party trammel and never knowingly give his vote or influence to elect any man to office who will use his official or personal influence to legalize the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage." As Christians we are bound to do all we can to prohibit by law this nefarious traffic, which cannot be legalized without sin. It is not enough that we advocate prohibition, but we must begin to practice what we preach. We must preach until men shall feel themselves out of harmony with God and the Bible and the church in voting anything but the Prohibition ticket.

The Social Evil.—The tendency of society everywhere is to look down upon the unfortunate, and seemingly the moral vane of physical corruption is alarmingly on the increase, and demands on our part as Christians and citizens of our commonwealth that we put forth a strenuous effort to stem the tide of moral evil and purify the morals of family, church and state.

Finance.—We feel it imperatively necessary to insist on all our people the importance of systematic giving to the support of the cause of God. We recognize the system as set forth in our Discipline as being the best, and especially call the attention of the pastors and district elders to the importance of the enforcement of the same.

Secrecy.—We stand decidedly square with all the rules and resolutions heretofore offered by our conference and general conference, and feel that from the greatest unto the least, we should abhor these combines which are all of the evil one.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

FAIRFIELD, CENTERVILLE, KNOXVILLE, BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS AND CEDAR FALLS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT	C. W. Carnes, District Elder																	
Fairfield and Hickory Ridge	G. A. Anderson	54	2	56	5	3	1	9	45	15	$ 18 00	$ 10 80	$ 6 30	$ 5 50	$ 5 20	.....	.....	$ 7 72
Birmingham and Oak Grove	H. A. Dalrymple	36	..	36	1		2	16	60	3	12 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	29 50
Coal Port and Mt. Zion	W. C. Houts	18	...	18	1	..	1	7	30	5	6 30	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Ottumwa	Supplied	15	..	15	1	..	1	5	20	3	6 90	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	.....	$ 2 37	.....
Elden, White Elm and Bethel	W. A. Whitlock	58	11	69	1	2	3	15	85	12	15 60	9 36	7 80	7 80	5 20	.....	.....	.....
CENTERVILLE DISTRICT	C. W. Carnes, District Elder																	
Centerville and Cincinnati	Cordelia Maring, supply	38	1	39	1	2	2	12	80	3	12 60	7 56	3 04	6 88	.....	.....	7 88	.....
Brompton	E. A. Clark	18	..	18	1		1	6	35	7	5 40	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	.....	10 00	.....
Wayne county mission	C. W. Carnes	9	..	9	2	..	..	....	....	3	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT	C. W. Carnes, District Elder																	
Knoxville and Pleasant Ridge Chapel	W. W. Vinson	38	..	38	..	..	1	8	40	5	12 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	.....	10 96	.....
Rose Hill, Delta, Sigourney and What Cheer	W. J. Trimble	25	.	25	1	..	2	12	44	7	6 60	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	.....
Ackworth and Summerset	J. H. Grovier, P. Grovier, sup.	31	4	35	3		2	9	65	9	7 50	5 50	2 75	2 75	2 50	.....	1 00	3 45
Barnes City and Riggs	H. S. Stewart	19	...	19		..	2	7	....	5	6 90	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	.....	3 75	.....
Newton and Wilson	J. P Doud	26	...	26	..	1	1	4	25	5	7 50	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	25 00
Des Moines	J. Q. Murray	20	1	21	..	1	1	5	50	6	3 70	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	10 54
BURLINGTON DISTRICT	E. E. Hall, District Elder																	
Burlington, South Hill	W. W. Bates	28	...	28	..	2	1	9	40	5	10 50	6 30	5 25	2 97	.....	.....	.....	3 05
" North Hill	W. E. Stuart	25	4	29	..		1	8	35	5	7 20	4 32	3 75	3 60	2 40	.....	.....	5 13
Morning Sun, Pleasant Grove Chapel	J. W. E. Ambrose	30	3	33	1	..	1	7	40	10	8 40	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	.....	8 00	.....
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT	E. E. Hall, District Elder																	
Cedar Rapids and Marion	John Moran	39	1	40	1	1	2	11	65	8	12 60	7 56	6 30	6 30	4 20	.....	2 83	.....
Toddville and No. 1	G. G. Booton	59	5	64	1	1	2	10	90	5	12 30	7 38	6 15	6 15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maquoketa, Iron Hill, Crabbtown and Monmouth	J. S. Booton	52	2	54	1		3	....	.....		15 30	7 35	4 70	7 65	.....	.....	5 00	11 13
Walker and Cedar Ridge	T. M. Fenwick	29	4	33	1	..	2	11	45	6	8 40	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	.....
CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT	E. E. Hall, District Elder																	
Cedar Falls and Dunkerton	.....	39	3	42	2	..	1	5	25	15	13 20	7 92	6 60	6 60	4 40	.....	1 00	.....
Conrad	E. J. Fish	25	...	25	1	..	1	6	30	7	9 30	5 58	4 65	4 65	3 10	.....	5 00	.....
Radcliffe	J. W. White	10	...	10	..	..	1	5	26	5	3 60	2 16	1 80	1 80	.....	.....	4 70	.....
Total		741	41	782	25	13	35	187	975	154	$ 229 80	$ 135 25	$ 103 64	$ 107 20	$ 52 70	..	$ 62 49	$ 95 52

J. Q. Murray General Mission Board, $60; Conference Missions, $100.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT											
Fairfield and Hickory Ridge	.....	$ 1 52	$ 21 62	.....	$ 337 37	$ 72 00	$ 13 00	1	$ 1000	1	$ 800
Birmingham and Oak Grove	....	....	20 10	.....	375 00	48 00	....	2	2000	1	600
Coal Port and Mt. Zion	.....	.....	3 00	.....	190 82	30 35	50 05	1	1000	1	350
Ottumwa	.....	.....	11 50	.....	211 77	27 74	10 58	1	1500	1	1150
Elden, White Elm and Bethel	.....	....	34 00	.....	67 07	62 40	124 27	3	2000	..	.....
CENTERVILLE DISTRICT											
Centerville and Cincinnati	.....	.....	36 10	.....	300 00	57 80	52 95	1	1000	1	500
Brompton	.....	.....	30 00	.....	288 08	36 16	.....	1	800	..	.....
Wayne county Mission	....	....	.....	.....	.....	13 60	6 00	..	.....	..	.....
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT											
Knoxville, Pleasant Ridge Chapel	....	.....	19 24	.....	400 00	56 69	43 00	2	1600	1	800
Rose Hill, Delta, Sigourney and What Cheer	....	.....	20 00	.....	236 10	32 55	16 00	4	2400	2	1400
Ackworth and Summerset	$ 2 00	2 00	15 69	.....	272 86	36 21	9 44	1	1000	1	550
Barnes City and Riggs	.....	....	12 00	.....	268 45	32 20	13 00	1	700	1	400
Newton and Wilson	2 00	1 25	16 00	.....	403 00	35 81	3 00	1	1200	1	1000
Des Moines	.....	.....	35 00	.....	273 35	40 60	.....	.	.....	..	.....
BURLINGTON DISTRICT											
Burlington, South Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00	43 50	.....	1	3000	1	1500
" North Hill	50	1 50	19 34	.....	400 06	37 05	.....	1	3500	1	800
Morning Sun and Pleasant Grove Chapel	.....	3 00	21 53	.....	360 00	43 60	.....	1	1000	1	800
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT											
Cedar Rapids and Marion	.....	.....	30 85	.....	458 00	50 66	6 50	1	2000	1	700
Toddville and No. 1	.....	.....	34 50	.....	318 00	49 20	41 59	2	1600	..	.....
Maquoketa, Iron Hill, Crabtown and Monmouth	.....	1 76	40 00	.....	350 00	66 00	6 84	5	4300	1	400
Walker and Cedar Ridge	....	.....	20 69	.....	377 17	43 15	.....	2	1800	1	1000
CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT											
Cedar Falls and Dunkerton	....	.....	27 38	.....	310 07	61 73	.....	2	2500	2	1800
Conrad	.....	.....	18 64	.....	335 69	43 40	.....	1	1500	1	800
Radcliffe	...	.....	31 90	..	156 85	20 13	.....	1	1200	1	800
Total	$ 4 50	$11 03	$ 519 08	.....	$7139 71	$1040 53	$ 396 22 36		$ 38600	21	$ 16150

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OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session, held at Guthrie, Oklahoma, October 21-25, 1903

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To Receive Funds for Foreign Missions—M. Wright.
To Receive Funds for General Missions—S. Freer.
To Receive General Superintendents' Fund—H. Washburn.
To Receive Conference Claimants' Fund—T. H. Allen.
To Receive Educational and Children's Funds—A. Maker.
To Receive Church Extension Fund—C. L. Shoup.
To Receive Funds for Publishing the Minutes—George Enterline.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. Mattenly, C. W. VanTreese.
On Education—C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen.
On Reforms—G. W. Woogerd, S. Freer.
On Sunday-schools—E. G. Richards, M. Wright.
On Publications—Lydia A. Newberry, E. D. Wells.

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T. H. Allen, retires 1904; C. E. Harroun, Jr., retires 1905; William Burkholder, retires 1906.

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. E. Harroun, Sr., Slade Freer, C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. L. Brown,
M. Wright, T. H. Allen, C. Mattenly, G. W. Woogerd,
A. Maker, C. W. VanTreese, William Burkholder, W. E. McWilliams.

DELEGATES

J. P. Mullen, J. P. Jordan, Anna H. Tannehill, E. G. Richards,
H. Washburn, George Enterline, G. M. Hadduck, M. Welch,
F. M. Newkirk, D. C. Reynolds, David Marlow, C. L. Shoup,
Lydia A. Newberry, W. C. Fair, Anna Witteman, L. Street,
E. E. Lookabaugh.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, C. E. Harroun, Jr., T. H. Allen, J. L. Brown, M. Welch, C. L. Shoup, E. G. Richards.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? G. M. Hadduck, C. W. Addington.

4. Who remain on trial? R. H. Shoup, E. D. Wells.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. E. McWilliams.

6. Who are the deacons? Slade Freer, M. Wright, W. E. McWilliams.

8. Who have located this year? F. H. Smith, at his own request.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Maker.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers? C. E. Harroun, Sr.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? William Burkholder, from the Southern California conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16-20, 22, 23.. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Twenty-five dollars.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Geary, Oklahoma, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1904, as consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

Order of conference collections: First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, General Superintendents' (18 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' (33 cents); fourth quarter, Home Missions (25 cents).

There was raised during the conference for dedication, foreign missions and other purposes, nearly $1000.

APPOINTMENTS

GUTHRIE DISTRICT—T. H. Allen, District Elder, Cashion, Oklahoma.

Guthrie and Campbell ..... J. L. Brown
Waterloo and Fairview ..... To be supplied
Fallas, Oak Grove, Eagle Creek and Rossville ..... T. D. North, supply
Oklahoma City ..... William Burkholder
Norman ..... Anna H. Tannehill, supply
Asher ..... To be supplied
Mound, Tulsa, Catoosa and Pryor Creek ..... To be supplied

A. Maker, supernumerary. T. H. Allen, member of the Guthrie district quarterly conference.

PONCA DISTRICT—T. H. Allen, District Elder.

Tonkawa, Maple Grove, Stony Point and Whiterock ..... E. D. Wells
Shafter and Blackburn ..... G. M. Hadduck
Perry, Lone Elm and Star ..... M. Nue, supply
Agra and Mehan ..... G. W. Woogerd

ENID DISTRICT—T. H. Allen, District Elder.

Enid and Garber ..... C. E. Carter, supply
Coldwater ..... C. Mattenly
Deer Creek and Satchel Valley ..... N. Welsh, Permelia Welsh, supplies
Gilbert and Jefferson ..... J. H. Wright, supply

C. E. Harroun, Sr., superannuated.

KINGFISHER DISTRICT—C. E. Harroun, Jr., District Elder, Edmond, Oklahoma.

Cashion and Bethel ..... M. Wright
Geary Watonga and Bridgeport ..... Slade Freer

Taloga. Seiling, Lakeside and Camargo.....C. W. VanTreese
Dyke, Fountain and Tivola.....To be supplied
F. H. Smith, granted a certificate of location, member of Cashion society. C. E. Harroun, Jr., member of Kingfisher district quarterly conference.

CLEO DISTRICT—C. E. HARROUN, JR., District Elder.

Augusta, Wisby and Winchester.....H. H. Isabell, supply
Carwile, Ringwood and Ames.....J. M Culp, supply
Dane and Isabella.....E. N. Cobb, supply
Moscow and Rugby.....W. E. McWilliams
Gage.....To be supplied

HOBART DISTRICT—C. E. HARROUN, JR., District Elder.

Hobart, Lone Wolf, Granite and Sentinel.....C. W. Addington
Heffner and Poarch.....N. C. Swigert, supply
Apache and Chickasha.....R. H. Shoup
Faxon and Frederic.....To be supplied
Hobart Mission.....To be supplied

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—Raised, $31.35.
GENERAL MISSIONS.—$51.60.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—$48.15.
EDUCATIONAL FUND.—$13.37.
CHILDREN'S FUND.—$16.97.
HOME MISSIONS.—$47.57.
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.—$64.38.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—$103.20.
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—$267.95.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The time has come in the history of literature when the expense of procuring books and papers is a matter of small consideration. Publications of every character, from those devoted to the spread of viciousness to those advocating the sublime and elevating truths of Christianity, may be read, if not owned, by all who wish to read. So the great question to be considered is not, "May we read?" but "What shall we read?" A right answer to this question is of vital importance. Too commonly, men who publish books and papers are regarded as superior creatures, and their words are received with too much credit, the result of which is, that many absorb the sentiment and spirit of unprincipled and misleading writers. God has honored the pen and the press as a means of conveying knowledge; but men in many cases have debased this means by use in wicked enterprises, until books, papers and pictures of the most dangerous character flood the land, requiring great carefulness in the choice of literature.

The effect of reading a book is sometimes wonderful. Lives are influenced and destinies determined, to some extent, by what people read. Some in all the stages of life have acted the part of some character in a tale of fiction. The life has not been real, but only assumed, by trying to be someone who never lived. And others, not assuming, but energized by the spirit of characters described, and principles set forth in good books, have given to us the history of saints, teachers, leaders, and honored magistrates. If lives, then, are thus shaped by what is read, the importance of literature begins to appear.

We wish to emphasize the duty of reading. No prophet or apostle was ever more definitely urged to write than others were to read. The angel who communed with John, the Revelator, said: "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter." But unto those who were to read the message the heavenly messenger said, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy; and keep those things which are written therein." "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city and from the things which are written in this book." A benediction is here promised to those who read aright, and a curse added to all who do not read and properly esteem the word of inspiration, and in this promised benediction and these added curses alone is sufficient emphasis on the subject of reading.

The Bible ranks first in the literary realm, and with those publications designed to unfold the inspired truths which it contains, should constitute the Christian's library. We

know of no better books and papers for the purpose of illustrating Bible doctrine than those of the Free Methodist publishing house. There are many in these days, of other denominations, who for soul food read books and papers which have been repudiated by their own denomination. We know of families who take several periodicals which are more or less contaminated with heresy, for the sake of getting something to read which welcomes the theory and doctrine of holiness. But there is no necessity for this among Free Methodists, as the official organ of the denomination, the FREE METHODIST, is a staunch exponent of the doctrine of entire sanctification and other fundamentals of religion. The books on sale at our publishing house which treat the doctrine of holiness are the best in the land, and any of said publications which in any measure treat the subjects of the second coming of Christ or divine healing, we believe to be as sound in doctrine as can be procured elsewhere, so that there is no excuse for the neglect of our own literature and for the patronizing of other publishing institutions. We also especially recommend the *Earnest Christian*, published by B. H. Roberts, North Chili, New York, the *Missionary Tidings* and the Sunday-school literature of our own publishing house. Some of our people subscribe to and read the official organs of "come out" movements; and seeing that the Free Methodist church is now passing from the first to the second generation, which has been a most critical period in the history of all denominations, the cry of the publications last referred to is, that the Free Methodist church, repeating the history of others, is apostatizing. It is in these independent books and papers, and from those who read them that we see and hear most of the expressions of fear. We therefore urge our people to beware of that which casts reproach upon the church whose instrumentality under God has dug them out of an horrible pit and miry clay.

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GUTHRIE DISTRICT											
Guthrie and Campbell	.....	$ 1 05	$ 24 21	.....	$ 184 20	$ 29 27	.....	1	$ 2092	..	.....
Waterloo and Fairview	$ 50	.....	.....	.....	10 00	15 05	$ 3 00	..	.....	..	.....
Fallas, Oak Grove, Eagle Creek and Rossville	.....	.....	.....	.....	84 84	25 12	5 04	..	.....	..	.....
Oklahoma City and Norman	.....	....	.....	.....	109 36	36 35	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Mounds, Tulsa and Pryor Creek	.....	.....	6 80	.....	127 65	16 77	.....	..	.....	..	.....
ENID DISTRICT											
Enid, Coldwater, Canyon Ridge	.....	....	22 00	$ 30	394 36	66 42	.....	2	2500	1	$ 500
Waukomis	....	..	.....	.....	17 00	14 33	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Deer Creek and Satchel Valley	.....	2 30	8 57	1 00	378 34	48 70	.....	..	.....	..	....
Gilbert and Jefferson	.....	5 50	13 11	...	314 00	55 66	.....	1	765	1	250
Hennessey	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 94	..	.....	..	.....
PONCA DISTRICT											
Tonkawa, Maple Grove, Stony Point and White Rock	2 47	.....	49 43	.....	449 98	61 77	.....	1	1330	1	600
Shafter and Blackburn	1 00	.....	11 40	30	268 78	57 73	20 00	..	.....	1	250
Perry, Lone Elm and Star	.....	....	21 77	.....	42 10	16 66	.....	..	.....		.....
Flynn and Mahan	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
KINGFISHER DISTRICT											
Cashion and Bethel	5 32	13 00	55 74	.....	406 53	81 26	17 36	2	2400	..	.....
* CLEO DISTRICT											
Agusta, Wisby and Winchester	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Carwile, Ringwood and Ames	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	1	.....
Dane and Isabella	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Moscow and Rugby	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Dyke Fountain and Tivola	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Taloga, Seiling, Lakeside, Camargo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Geary, Watonga and Bridgeport	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Apache and Chickasha	.....	....	3 00	.....	57 51	6 55	5 00	..	.....	..	.....
Hobart, Lone Wolf, Granite and Sentinel	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Heffner and Poarch	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 9 29	$21 85	$ 216 03	$ 1 60	$2843 65	$ 561 64	$ 66 34	7	$ 9087	5	$ 1600

*Attached to the Oklahoma conference by General Conference, June, 1903.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

GUTHRIE, ENID, PONCA AND CLEO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
GUTHRIE DISTRICT	C. E. Harroun, Jr., Dist. Elder																	
Guthrie and Campbell	J. L. Brown	26	6	32	2	1	1	6	....	4	$ 6 60	$ 3 96	$ 3 30	$ 3 20	$ 2 20	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo and Fairview	A. Maker	11	..	11	..	..	..	....	....	5	3 60	2 16	1 09	35	60	.....	$ 25	.....
Fallas, Oak Grove, Eagle Creek and Rossville	R. H. Shoup	15	...	15	3	1	..	....	....	6	4 20	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	.....
Oklahoma City and Norman	Wm. Burkholder, supply	26	1	27	1	2	..	....	....	3	1 50	2 25	2 00	40	1 15	.....	.....	.....
Mounds, Tulsa and Pryor Creek	C. W. Van Treese	11	7	18	1		1	8	30	2	.....	.....	2 07	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
ENID DISTRICT	T. H. Allen, District Elder																	
Enid, Coldwater and Canyon Ridge	M. Wright	42	4	46	1	..	2	10	50	12	13 20	7 92	.....	6 60	4 20	.....	.....	$ 26 50
Waukomis	J. W. Hough, supply	5	...	5	1	..	..	....	....	2	60	36	30	30	20	.....	.....	.....
Deer Creek and Satchel Valley	E. D. Wells	31	6	37	..		1	5	20	7	9 00	4 65	2 74	5 25	3 00	.....	5 40	.....
Gilbert and Jefferson	J. H. Wright, supply	50	9	59	..	1	1	6	37	11	12 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	19 45
Hennessey	H. K. Bowerman, supply	10	1	11	2	..	1	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PONCA DISTRICT	C. E. Harroun Jr., Dist. Elder																	
Tonkawa, Maple Grove, Stony Point and White Rock	C. Mattenly	39	4	43	1	..	2	12	69	14	12 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	.....	11 70	.....
Shafter and Blackburn	W. E. McWilliams	35	3	38	1	..	1	6	53	7	9 00	4 50	4 50	4 50	3 50	.....	.....	.....
Perry, Lone Elm and Star	J. M. Culp, supply	15	...	15	1	1	2	....	....	5	3 90	2 34	1 51	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	.....
Flynn and Mehan	G. W. Woogerd	...	...	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
KINGFISHER DISTRICT	T. H. Allen, District Elder																	
Cashion and Bethel	S. Freer	81	4	85	1		2	18	140	25	18 90	11 34	9 45	9 45	6 30	.....	30 50	30 45
* CLEO DISTRICT																		
Augusta, Wisby and Winchester		38	..	38	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carwile, Ringwood and Ames		34	3	37	2	..	2	15	66	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dane and Isabella		25	..	25	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moscow and Rugby		51	3	54	..	..	1	5	40	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dyke, Fountain and Tivola		13	..	13	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taloga, Selling, Lakeside Camargo		32	...	32	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Geary, Watonga and Bridgeport		20	35	55	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Apache and Chickasha	C. W. Addington, supply	9	5	14	1	..	1	5	20	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hobart, Lone Wolf, Granite, Sentinel		16	..	16	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Heffner and Poarch		29	...	29	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		664	91	755	18	6	18	96	525	120	$ 94 50	$ 56 40	$ 41 06	$ 46 10	$ 31 85	.....	$ 48 85	$ 76 40

*Attached to the Oklahoma conference by General Conference, June, 1903.

PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-first Annual Session, held at Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, October 7-11, 1903

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On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—Paul Foy.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On Sabbath-schools—H. A. Baldwin, T. J. Baldridge, T. H. Bailey, William Palm.

On Reforms—W. A. Sellew, A. Lenkerd, C. W. Stamp, M. Flocker.

On Publications—E. E. Shelhamer, T. R. Wayne, O. Gornall, James Lackman.

On Education—A. Wilson, T. R. Wayne, A. F. Foust, E. E. Harford.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—J. B. Easton, A. Lenkerd, H. A. Baldwin.

On Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, J. Barnhart, C. W. Stamp, H. H. Baxter, T. J. Baldridge.

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ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents per member) and Evangelists' Fund (5 cents per member).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. Barnhart, R. H. Freshwater, J. B. Easton, J. F. Silver, A. Lenkerd, C. W. Stamp, C. F. Johnston, G. C. Wadding, C. H. Miller.
R. H. Bentley, E. S. Zahniser, H. A. Baldwin, H. L. Speer, W. W. Spiker, B. Hosbach, J. H. Whiteman, R. N. Large.
W. A. Sellew, T. R. Wayne, L. C. Andre, A. Wilson, J. W. Howard, D. G. Shirer, Paul Foy, G. L. Coughron.
A. D. Zahniser, E. E. Shelhamer, A. F. Foust, W. G. Long, Charles Fish, William Wilson, F. W. Bœttner, O. Gornall.

DELEGATES

Bertha Weaver, Nancy Riley, Jessie Jackson, Cora Hirt, Washington Ramage, T. J. Baldridge, E. E. Harford, Perie Kennison, S. P. Kunkle, H. L. Abbott.
Vina Palmer, Ellen Burt, Sherman McNeese, Dora Budden, W. J. McPherson, J. W. Vangilder, Miller Flocker, Mae Sedwick, Miriam Simons, Lydia Shirey.
R. H. Jordan, H. H. Baxter, Margaret Mason, M. S. Vangilder, Dallas McCormick, J. D. Dripps, George Delbridge, W. S. Mack, S. A. Fansler, David Shirley.
R. A. Allison, T. H. Bailey, S. L. Smith, James Lackman, William Palm, J. C. King, Lena Southworth, W. F. Grafton, Isaac Wakefield.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, C. W. Stamp, A. D. Zahniser, J. Barnhart, E. S. Zahniser, W. G. Long, E. E. Shelhamer, H. H. Baxter, William Palm, T. J. Baldridge, E. E. Harford, J. W. Vangilder, S. L. Smith. W. A. Sellew, substitute for B. R. Jones, excused on Friday.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? G. M. Gillilan, C. H. Mason, H. H. O'Bryon.

4. Who remain on trial? W. W. Blossom, J. N. Grace, L. A. Southworth, E. M. Adair, C. E. Phipps, J. E. Reinschmidt, J. N. McKim, L. Kightlinger, C. L. Wright.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? Charles Fish, J. W. Howard, B. Hosbach, F. W. Bœttner, G. C. Wadding, G. L. Coughron, R. N. Large. Local deacons: C. L. Wright, E. R. Smith, L. A. Southworth, Frederick Retzer, *T. H. Bailey, *G. B. Lambert.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. F. Johnston, J. H. Whiteman, Paul Foy.

8. Who have located this year? R. H. Freshwater, William Wilson.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. E. Phipps, G. L. Coughron, L. Kightlinger.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. Barnhart.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? O. Gornall, from the Southern California conference; C. H. Miller, from the Oil City conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? Charles Fish.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

*Ordained this year.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? No claimants accepting claim.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Mt. Washington, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, as near the third Wednesday of September, 1904, as can be arranged for by the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-first annual session was held in the Free Methodist church at Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, October 7-11, 1903. Five sittings were held—one each on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and two on Saturday. General Superintendent B. R. Jones presided with his usual ability and dispatch. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered with gracious results. All were sorry that Brother Jones did not remain over the Sabbath; however, the Golden Rule was remembered and he was excused to be with his family a few days. General Superintendent W. A. Sellew and wife were present and Brother Sellew's counsels and sermon on Sabbath morning were practical, spiritual and inspiring.

W. B. Olmstead was present in the interests of the publishing house and proved a good representative. His addresses on Sunday-school work inspired fresh interest and awakened attention to the importance of this part of the work of God.

The face of Clara Leffingwell was seen again with joy, and it bespoke her deep consecration and resistless faith. Her exhortations and missionary address were edifying and profitable to all. J. S. Bradbrook spoke effectively on mission and rescue work in the cities. He was engaged to take charge of Providence Mission the coming year.

It is hoped that the superannuated relation of J. Barnhart, to whom this conference owes much for its growth and development, may not be long continued, but that he may soon resume the work with increased effectiveness as a result of brief rest. The call of the general conference having deprived us of C. W. Stamp who occupied a foremost position in our ranks, we pray God's blessing upon him and his devoted wife in their greatly extended field of labor, and trust their self-denial will be rewarded with many trophies of redeeming grace. Younger and less experienced leaders have been called to stand in the gaps, and they implore divine commission for the work.

Rev. J. T. Moore of the Mt. Nebo Methodist church, Rev. S. W. Kiester and Rev. Lawrence Kiester of the United Brethren church, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats. Rev. F. N. Fox and wife of the Oil City conference, were present and enjoyed the fellowship of former friends.

Rev. G. C. Wadding is to be commended for his faithfulness and ability in entertaining the conference and looking after the interests of all. We were certainly well entertained.

Other facts might be mentioned with interest, and other names are deserving of credit, but the record is kept above. Refreshed and strengthened by gathering together, once again for the perishing we are scattered abroad.

APPOINTMENTS

PITTSBURG DISTRICT—A. D. Zahniser, District Elder, 7 Catharine street, 32nd ward, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg (Mt. Washington).....C. H. Miller, 13 Fort street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
" (Anderson street).....J. S. Bradbrook, supply
" (East End).....Laura Lamb, supply, corner Frankstown avenue and Singer .....street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
" (West End).....B. Hosbach, Pittsburg, "

Pittsburg (Glenwood avenue and Munhall) .. { J. N. Grace
..... { Rossie Ulm, supply, Munhall, Pennsylvania
" (Providence Mission).....J. S. Bradbrook, superintendent, Second avenue
....and Smithfield street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
(Rescue Home)....E. W. Liebendorfer, superintendent, 11 Catharine street,
.....32nd ward, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Ford City and Rosston.....To be supplied
Braddock..... .....A. Lenkerd, 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania
Christy Park and McKeesport.....W. W. Spiker, McKeesport, "
Lang.....Jessie Jackson, supply, rural delivery
Smithton and Collinsburg.....Paul Foy, Smithton, Pennsylvania
Monongahela City, Manown and Courtney.....Lulu Nixon. Clara Rector. supplies
Castle Shannon.....Thomas H. Bailey, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Kittanning.....J. N. McKim, Kittanning, "
Carnegie, Cannonsburg and McDonald.....To be supplied
New Kensington, Parnassus and Verona.....
.....A. L. Duncan, supply, New Kensington, Pennsylvania

W. A. Sellew. general superintendent, 170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York; Charles Fish, given certificate of standing in view of transfer; J. Barnhart, superannuated, 45 Ruth street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; E. M. Adair, left without appointment to attend school; C. W. Stamp, general conference evangelist, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT—J. F. Silver, District Elder, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Rochester and Vanport...D. G. Shirer; Ida McCoy Shirer, supply, Rochester, Pennsylvania
New Brighton.. .....C. L. Wright, New Brighton, "
Beaver Falls and Pleasant Valley.....G. C. Wadding, Beaver Falls, "
East Liverpool and East End.....A. F. Foust, East Liverpool, Ohio
Chester (West Virginia) and Irondale .....E. L. Garrow. supply, Irondale, "
Ohioville..... G. M. Gillilan, Ohioville, Pennsylvania
Hookstown.....Rosella E. Adair, supply, Hookstown, "
Lazearville (West Virginia) and Mingo Junction..C. H. Mason, Lazearville, West Virginia
Bridgeport.....H. A. Baldwin, Bridgeport, Ohio

R. H. Freshwater, located according to ¶ 84 of the Discipline, membership at Mingo Junction, Ohio; Charles Phipps, supernumerary, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT—A. Wilson, District Elder, Apollo, Pennsylvania.

Allegheny, Hite and Tarentum { ..... { J. W. Howard, Tarentum, Pennsylvania
{ Sarah Howard, supply
Leechburg, Bagdad and Freeport.....C. F. Johnston, Leechburg, "
Vandergrift Heights and Laurel Point..R. H. Bentley, Vandergrift Heights, "
Apollo.....L. A. Southworth, Apollo, "
Avonmore and Perrysville.....R. N. Large, Avonmore, "
Butler... .....J. B. Easton, Butler, "
Mars and Cooperstown .....Elmer M. Goodman, supply, Mars, "

William Wilson, located at his own request, membership at Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT—O. Gornall, District Elder, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Greensburg.....
..Sadie Hill and Celia Flanagan, supplies, 125 Depot street, Greensburg, Pennsylvania
Arona and Diamond....H. H. O'Bryon, Target P. O., Westmoreland county, "
Jeannette.....F. W. Bœttner. Jeannette, "
Mt. Pleasant and New Haven.....L. C. Andre, Silver street, Mt. Pleasant, "
Cove Run and Cool Spring....J. H. Whiteman, Percy P. O., Fayette county, "
Fairchance..... ...T. R. Wayne. Fairchance, "
Glendale.....J. W. Fetty, supply, Haydentown, "
West Brownsville.....E. E. Bailey, supply. West Brownsville, "
Bolivar and Armagh.....M. J. Anthony, supply, Robinson P. O., "
Black Lick and Homer City ....To be supplied
Indiana and Smathers.....William Brubaker, supply, Indiana. Pennsylvania

A. E. Reinschmidt, left without appointment; G. L. Coughron, L. Kightlinger, supernumerary.

WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT—W. G. LONG, District Elder, Hendricks, West Virginia.

Hendricks and Davis.....W. G. Long
Samaria and McConkey.....W. W. Blossom, Samaria, West Virginia
Mt. Sharon.....Fanny Eaton, supply, Mt. Sharon, " "
Catawba, Fairmont and Monongah.....John Spear, Malinda Spear, supplies
Parsons.....Bessie Robinson, supply, Parsons, West Virginia

ATLANTA (GEORGIA) DISTRICT—E. E. SHELHAMER, District Elder, 191 Marietta street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Atlanta.....E. E. Shelhamer
Flora.....W. H. Tyler, supply, Flora, Georgia
Gainesville.....N. L. Smith, supply, 191 Marietta street, Atlanta, "
Rockmart.....W. B. Harris, supply, Rockmart, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

E. Kolb (local elder)...Ruth street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
Frederick Retzer (local deacon).....West Bridgwater, Pennsylvania.
J. T. Boddy....Fifth avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania.
J. B. Lewis.....Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
George Delbridge..Munhall, "
Albert Finley, Belle Vernon, "
Isaac Wakefield, Monongahela City, Pennsylvania.
F. L. Vangilder, Fairmont, West Virginia, R. R. No. 3.
Robert Burleigh...New Stanton, Pennsylvania.
E. E. Bailey...West Brownsville, Pennsylvania.
W. S. Davison, Percy P. O.,Fayette county, Pennsylvania.
Samuel Fish.....Hites, Pennsylvania
William Gamble .....
H. D. Brink..191 Marietta, street, Atlanta, Georgia.
Paul Stewart. Frankstown Ave. and Singer St., East End, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
J. H. Ross.....Butler, "
T. A. Nail.....Butler, "
F. B. Sellers.....Butler, "
Jedadiah Grover, Blairsville, "
H. H. Baxter.....Parnassus, "
T. H. Bailey (local deacon)..Bailey avenue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
George B. Lambert (local deacon)...Butler, Pennsylvania.
H. D. Gorbie.....Spring Arbor, Michigan
W. J. Paul.....Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Albert Simons.....Pittsburg, "
Joseph Davenport...Smithton, "
Herbert Barnes, Spring Arbor, Pennsylvania
George Albright ....Manown, "
H. H. Shoemaker....Parsons, West Virginia
Brooks Morgan....Fairmont, West Virginia, R. R. No. 3.
Miller Flocker.....Vanport, Pennsylvania
W. E. Darrow..Ashtabula, Ohio, R. R. No. 3
E. E. Harford, Percy P. O., Fayette county, Pennsylvania.
T. C. Singleton.....Hites, Pennsylvania
John Fish .....Hites, "
John Skillin.....Hites, "
N. L. Smith.....191 Marietta street, Atlanta, Georgia.
P. B. Hampton, 191 Marietta street, Atlanta, Georgia.
W. S. Mack.....Calhoun street, East End, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
William Palm.....Butler, Pennsylvania
J. W. Fetty.....Haydentown, "
T. J. Baldridge.....Apollo, "
J. C. King,.....Uniontown, "
Charles Sullivan.....Uniontown, Pennsylvania

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Maretta Barnhart....45 Ruth street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
Mary A. Morgan..Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Sadie Hill .....Cokeville, "
Elizabeth Stewart.....Empire, Ohio
Sarah Howard...Tarentum, Pennsylvania
Bertha B. Smith...191 Marietta street, Atlanta, Georgia.
Alma L. Miller 13 Fort street, 32nd ward, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
Edith M. Lenkerd, Braddock,Pennsylvania
Blanche E. Stamp.....14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois.
Lulu Nixon, Monongahela City, "
Rosella E. Adair..Hookstown, "
Frances M. Wayne, Fairchance, "
Mary J. Elliott.....Indiana, "
Laura Lamb, corner Frankstown Ave. and Singer St., E. E., Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Lena A. Southworth...Apollo, "
Cora M. Spiker..McKeesport, "
Ida McCoy Shirer..Rochester, Pennsylvania

EVANGELISTS

Beulah S. Foust.....East Liverpool, Ohio
Cora Dawson ...314 Duumire street, West Grafton, West Virginia.
Ollie Vangilder, Fairmont, West Virginia, R. R. No. 3.
Etta Baldwin.....Bridgport, Ohio
Jessie Jackson .....Irondale, "
Bessie Robinson ..Parsons, West Virginia
May Garrow..191 Marietta street, Atlanta, Georgia.
Martha Overman..191 Marietta street, Atlanta, Georgia.
Laura Griffies, 191 Marietta street, Atlanta.
Margaret Mason.....Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania.
Florence Jones.....Rose Hill, Iowa
Fannie Eaton...Connellsville, Pennsylvania
Addie Vangilder, Valley Falls, West Virginia
Alice Fetty.....Haydentown, Pennsylvania
Malinda Spear....Fairmont, West Virginia, R. R. No. 3.
Lottie M. Wilson.....Apollo, Pennsylvania
Jennie Bœttner....Jeannette, "
Donella S. Zahniser...Eldred, "
Elizabeth Bergman, Tarentum, "
Tohlula Young, 191 Marietta street, Atlanta, Georgia.
Julia Arnold....191 Marietta street, Atlanta, Georgia.
Phebe Gornall.....Blairsville, Pennsylvania
Lida Coughron...Uniontown, "
Ada Hosbach.....Carnegie, "
Lillie C. Andre... Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Missions.—Cash, $209.91, including fund for evangelists.
Conference Claimants' Fund.—Cash and receipts, $353.40.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Cash and receipts, $212.04.
General Missions—Cash and receipts, $176.70.
Church Extension—Cash and receipts, $117.80.
Children's Fund—Cash and receipts, $21.79.
Educational Fund—Cash and receipts, $20.96.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

There is only one thing of more importance than the proper training of the minds of the young; viz., salvation.

We do not desire to unduly exalt nor yet depreciate mental training. Our public school system is a bulwark of the republic and a grand institution, and yet the moral training is often neglected, and the evil associations and worldly tendencies to a great degree overcome the influences of the godly home and Sunday-school. Hence the need of our Free Methodist schools. We urge especially upon our people the splendid schools of our church. To our ministers, evangelists and local preachers we again urge diligent compliance with the disciplinary course of study as an excellent preparation for the ministry of the Free Methodist church.

III.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

As Free Methodists we have a great many things for which to be thankful, not the least of which is our Sabbath-schools with their sacred influences over the young. How could the influence help but be salutary with our godly set of teachers and clean-cut literature. But amid our thanksgiving our hearts are pained when we see Free Methodist children going out of Sabbath-school to a life of sin or formalism. Can we not find the reason for this in the following?

1. First, and perhaps the greatest reason for this departure is the lack of parental government. The Bible says that one sign of the coming of the last days is that children should be disobedient to parents. There was a time when parents ruled their children, but too often now the children rule their parents. Over-indulgence of their children is mistaken for kindness. The rod of correction which the Bible enjoins is ruled out as cruel. Threats are made and scarcely if ever, fulfilled. "Don't be too rigid," is the cry, and as a consequence they do about as they please. The natural heart scarcely if ever chooses to do right, and consequently the child is absent from the Sabbath-school and the church service.

2. A lack of oneness of purpose in the home life of the parents is another fruitful source of this departure. Prayer-meeting and Sunday religion will do very little toward inculcating in the hearts and minds of the young the principles of holy living. It must be exemplified in oneness of purpose and strict piety in the lives of those who have the oversight of their souls.

3. A lack of interest by the parents or teachers in the salvation of the children of necessity causes them to lack interest in their own salvation. Preaching may be never so straight, but if it lacks that burning unction which makes the hearer realize that the speaker

is in earnest in what he says, it is like a sounding brass or tinkling cymbal. Convince the children that you think they will go to hell unless they get saved. There are enough to tell them otherwise.

4. Again the parents are as a rule very little interested in Sabbath-school work. They are too old, have too much to do, and numerous other excuses are given. It is natural for the child to think if father and mother are not interested, there is not so much in it after all.

5. The lessons are not made interesting by the teacher. Young minds cannot be caught by dry facts and figures, they want something lively that will attract them on the wing.

For these and other failings we need to humble ourselves before God and tarry until we obtain divine guidance, and then go forth to take our children and Sabbath-school scholars for God and the church.

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The printed periodicals and books of the present day are potent factors in the development of thought and character. The press is a vast magazine of power "which laughs to scorn the Archimedian problem." "It is a power with a lever as long as eternity, as subtle as thought, as quick as the sunlight, and resting on the fulcrum of the mind, bedded in the immortality of the soul. He who uses that power has a responsibility that sweeps in the line of his active influence beyond the stars and upward to the bar of final accountability."

We would that this weighty force were always pure, never demoralizing, but ever on the side of lofty sentiment and noble desire; however, such is not the case. The stream of American journalism is sadly polluted, far below the scriptural attitude. Truth mixed with error is palmed upon the public, truth not in the Bible and beyond is presented, "destructive criticism," subversive of true religion is rampant, lies are published as the sternest facts. How many wrong ideas! "One day Prince Bismark rolling in triumph toward Paris, had leisure to visit a country schoolhouse; and it was there that he found what he called the saddest sight in France. What? Widow with starving family? A set of school books filled with lies."

One of the best ways to dispel darkness is to turn on the light. Let there be a dissemination of pure doctrine. Our church has recognized this fact, and is at work rolling a "noble stream of truth" throughout our borders. "Purity and Maturity," "Wood's Perfect Love," and the "Central Idea of Christianity" possess a high degree of clarity, leading the mind and heart up on the line of moral aspiration. In fact all of our publications are of a high order.

We suggest that all of our pastors make a persistent effort to push our own denominational publications. "No church," says one, "can long retain its distinctive features unless it has its acknowledged standard publications. Let every Free Methodist preacher leave to his successor the names of the subscribers of our periodicals, and the date of expiration. In this way the pastor can look after the renewal. The disciplinary duty will tend to perpetuate our subscribers.

V.—ON REFORMS.

Your committee on reforms respectfully submit the following report:

1. Family Government.—This is a neglected subject. Nearly everywhere we see a woeful omission of duty in the home. This is indeed a sad state of affairs. With children not trained, disobedient at home, they are also at school, community, and state, and they become a curse to God and man. But when they are subject to rule, are obedient to authority, they will bless God and mankind. Rather neglect, if necessary, house, farm, store, office, anything, rather than children.

2. The Liquor Traffic.—Cruel and insatiable as death. A gigantic system of robbery, murder, and of ruin. No language contains words strong enough to adequately describe it. Wesley felt this when he characterized it as the "sum of all villainies." It has slain more of our fellow creatures than the sword, and its work goes on in our beloved country. It antagonizes the interests of the laboring classes especially. It is a greater enemy in our country than slavery ever was. We earnestly appeal to all voters to cast their ballot straight against it. We recommend the *New Voice* to the patronage of all.

3. Masonry.—Brethren, "Suffer a word of exhortation" on this subject. While good men sleep, this enemy "sows tares." Vigilance is the price of liberty. This is true not only in a civil, but also in a moral sense, both collectively and personally. This is a stable institution, comparatively. We know where to find it and what it is. We know it, therefore oppose it, and shall ever do so. It is a religion—a false one. They do greatly err, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God. We recommend all to read exposures of this evil, especially the work of C. G. Finney and the *Christian Cynosure*.

4. Mormonism.—Brethren, we would call your attention to this subject. This is a creature grown up in our midst. An evil of grave character, a cancer, a traveling leprosy, attacking both our holy religion and beloved country. It is reaching out, spreading like the deadly Upas tree, far beyond our borders into many nations of the earth, thereby

strengthening herself. We must meet her sooner or later; let us prepare for the conflict. We earnestly protest against the seating of Apostle Smoot in the United States Senate. Let us not give their missionaries any encouragement.

5. Romanism.—Popes and councils have decreed the destruction of all who do not agree with them. Obediently, their ignorant and fanatical followers went forth to rob, burn and kill, till above fifty millions of the best people of Europe were slain. This continued through long centuries of aggravated intrigue, inquisition and war. Nor have they repented of their evil ways. Nor council, nor pope have plainly and publicly declared anything against their work of the past; but on the contrary they have fully justified themselves (in their own eyes) in all their evil ways. Thus they are evil at heart now as ever in the past. Rome changes not in her boast to-day.

Romanism is double; that is, the Romanism of Southern Europe, West Indies and the Philippines is one thing and Romanism in England and America is quite another thing. The former is vastly inferior to the latter, and the truth is that European Romanism is the dominant, ruling party. So she is really worse than she appears from our point of view. Her opposition to our institutions is manifest. Our republican form of government, the liberty of thought; the choice of religion, or conscience; and our public schools which are the bulwark of our republic, are all objects of hate, and for which they have unitedly labored to destroy. They characterize our schools as godless, but we declare that there have been none who have done more to make them so than the Roman church. They have fought us till the Bible is put out of our schools in some states. She aims at the prostitution of this country to her interests and rule. For this they are laboring night and day to acquire. Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, Minnesota, declared at the Ecumenical Council held in Baltimore a few years ago, that, "We must take this country, God wills it." Applause followed.

6. Labor Unions.—As these are understood by us, at least, in a general way, it is not necessary to define them. Are they right in character and trend, is a great question, and many hold them in doubt at least. Christians follow Christ, and the Christian church is good and large enough to call out and embrace all our affections, and faculties, and we should not divide them with anything else. If we do, there is a conscious weakness, for a "double-minded man is unstable in all his ways." We are to follow Christ and in doing so will we unite and affiliate with unions? Can we follow Christ and the counsels of the leaders of these unions; be dominated, ruled by them? No, certainly not. Did Christ ever lead a man into them? Has he not led many out of them? Therefore we should not go into them, but keep out. God has called us to peace. "Be ye not the servants of men." "Ye are the Lord's free man." "Love thy neighbor as thyself." "Do good unto all men." These are scriptural injunctions, and should be received. We are not ashamed or sorry for the position we have taken on this subject. We heartily commend the general conference for their position taken on this subject. We are much pleased with the plain, straightforward and constitutional course the president pursued in the "Miller case," in which he in no way recognized the unions as of binding force, and declared them, inferentially, un-American.

7. Worldliness.—"Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." "For if any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him." Jesus says of it, "but me it hateth." Christians love God, therefore they do not love the world, nor should they be conformed to it, but stand in opposition. The love of money, ease and luxuries, is a great evil. For instance on apparel we cite you to the holy Scriptures, and the Discipline. We urge a full compliance with the directions there given. Church entertainments of any kind are bad and dangerous in tendency, and should be everywhere eschewed. Devotion to duty, by the ministry among us, we must constantly urge.

8. Tobacco.—This is an evil, and only an evil; nothing to recommend its use (either to chew or to smoke).

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

PITTSBURG, ROCHESTER AND WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PITTSBURG DISTRICT	C. W. Stamp, District Elder																	
Pittsburg, Ruth street	C. L. Wright	55	8	63	4	..	1	11	60	25	$ 12 90	$ 7 75	$ 8 60	$ 6 45	$ 4 30	.....	$ 100 00	$ 47 18
" Anderson street	W. W. Spiker	19	2	21	2	2	..	....	....	....	5 75	3 50	3 80	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	20 45
" East End	Laura Lamb, supply	31	14	45	2	1	1	7	100	10	7 50	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	67 50
" Glenwood Ave	A. F. Foust	13	3	16	1	1	..	....	....	5	4 50	2 52	2 80	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	9 70
Ford City and Rosston	M. J. Anthony, supply	7	2	9	..	..	1	7	45	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 40	.....
Munhall	Florence Jones, supply	11	..	11	1	..	1	6	50	2	3 30	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	12 26
Braddock	J. N. McKim	12	1	13	..	..	1	5	20	3	3 60	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	.....	32 80	54 56
McKeesport	C. H Miller	42	5	47	..	1	1	8	45	9	12 60	7 56	8 40	6 30	4 20	.....	.....	139 10
Smithton and Collinsburg	Rosella E. Adair, supply	30	2	32	3	..	2	13	45	6	9 90	5 45	5 00	4 95	3 30	.....	.....	41 46
Monongahela City and Monown	Beulah Foust, supply	8	3	11	2	..	..	....	....	3	1 50	90	1 00	75	50	.....	.....	.....
Kittanning	E. M. Adair	49	10	59	..	..	1	13	125	9	12 30	7 38	8 20	6 15	4 10	.....	.....	60 41
Carnegie, West End and McDonald	B. Hosbach	33	4	37	..	1	2	6	17	5	10 80	6 48	7 20	5 40	3 60	.....	.....	8 88
New Kensington	Thomas Baley, supply	13	2	15	1	..	1	5	20	4	3 30	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	20 00
ROCHESTER DISTRICT	A. D. Zahniser, Dist. Elder																	
Rochester	D. G. Shirer	37	8	45	2	1	1	8	55	13	10 50	6 30	7 00	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	216 57
New Brighton	A. Wilson	88	8	96	..	1	2	24	165	14	28 80	17 28	19 20	14 40	9 60	.....	.....	182 06
Pleasant Valley	A. D. Zahniser	10	..	10	..	..	1	5	30	4	3 30	1 98	2 20	1 65	1 10	.....	.....	.....
East Liverpool, East End, Irondale	J. W Howard	43	3	46	..	1	3	21	150	3	8 40	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	50 00
Chester, West Virginia	Sarah Howard, supply	17	1	18	..	1	1	6	40	8	3 90	2 31	2 60	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	16 03
Ohioville	John Grace	16	2	18	..	..	2	7	50	4	3 60	2 16	2 40	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	90 44
Hookstown	Paul Foy	16	9	25	..	..	1	7	40	2	4 80	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	15 00
Lazearville, W. Va., Empire, Bridg'port	C. H. Mason, G. W. Gillihan, sup	54	9	63	1	..	2	11	80	11	12 30	7 38	8 20	6 15	4 10	.....	.....	64 25
Butler	J. B. Easton	83	6	89	5	1	1	13	120	15	25 50	14 94	16 60	12 40	8 30	.....	.....	332 00
Mars	E. L. Garrow	16	..	16	..	..	1	7	25	5	2 70	1 62	2 25	1 35	90	.....	.....	21 37
Lewis Run	....	....	16	16	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT	W. G. Long, District Elder																	
Hendricks	W. G. Long	9	4	13	1	..	1	4	20	4	3 90	2 34	2 60	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	13 95
Davis	W. W. Blossom	2	..	2	..	..	..	....	....	1	1 20	72	80	60	40	.....	.....	.....
Samaria, McConkey and Grafton	C. F. Johnston	16	1	17	..	4	1	5	30	....	4 20	2 52	2 80	2 10	1 40	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Sharon, Fairmont, and Monongah.	John and Malinda Spears, sup.	23	5	28	3	3	2	12	50	3	6 30	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	20 05

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE—Continued

ALLEGHANY, GREENSBURG AND ATLANTA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ALLEGHANY DISTRICT	J. Barnhart, District Elder																	
Hites and Tarentum	J. F. Silver	50	10	60	4	1	2	14	85	9	$ 13 80	$ 8 28	$ 9 20	$ 6 90	$ 4 60	.....	.....	$ 50 00
Leechburg, Bagdad and Freeport	L. A. Southworth	14	2	16	1	1	2	8	30	3	6 60	3 96	4 46	3 30	2 20	.....	$ 4 00	.....
Vandergrift	R. H. Bentley	60	16	76	..	1	1	19	147	9	10 50	6 30	9 00	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	155 53
Apollo	T. R. Wayne	71	24	95	1	1	2	11	110	10	19 50	11 70	15 00	9 75	6 50	.....	.....	85 00
Avonmore and Perrysville	William Brubaker, supply	21	3	24	..	1	..	....	....	2	6 30	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	8 25
Blairsville	Harry L. Speer	27	5	32	1	1	1	7	32	7	7 50	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	73 35
Black Lick and Homer City	L. Kightlinger	21	..	21	..	..	2	6	27	....	3 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	.....	1 00	13 00
Indiana	L. C. Andre	26	7	33	..	2	1	6	28	7	7 50	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	90 00
GREENSBURG DISTRICT	E. S. Zahniser, District Elder																	
Greensburg and Avona	R. N. Large	24	4	28	1	..	2	12	60	5	6 60	3 96	4 40	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	5 00
Jeannette	F. W. Boettner	16	3	19	1	1	1	6	30	2	3 90	2 34	2 60	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	36 33
Mt. Pleasant	G. C. Wadding	21	7	28	1	1	1	7	42	7	5 40	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	65 41
Cove Run	J. H. Whiteman	33	..	33	2	..	1	10	70	4	8 70	5 22	5 80	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	65 90
Cool Springs, Uniontown, New Haven	G. L. Coughron	18	..	18	2	1	..	....	....	3	7 50	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	
Fairchance	O. Gornall	53	2	55	..	1	1	10	50	5	15 30	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 10	.....	.....	66 25
Glendale	H H. O'Bryon, supply	16	2	18	1	..	1	5	35	2	4 80	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	16 16
West Brownsville	E. S. Zahniser	3	..	3	..	..	..	....	....	....	30	18	15	15	10	.....	.....	.....
Bolivar and Armagh	John and Alice Fetty, supplies	10	2	12	1	1	1	4	15	2	3 90	2 34	2 60	1 95	1 30	.....	.....	5 50
ATLANTA DISTRICT	E. E. Shelhamer, Dist. Elder																	
Atlanta, Georgia	H. A. Baldwin	27	18	45	3	6	1	9	40	2	4 20	2 52	2 80	2 10	1 40	.....	8 28	.....
Flora	W. H. Tyler, supply	1	3	4	..	..	1	4	23	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		1266	241	1507	47	37	52	349	2204	249	$ 342 65	$ 205 79	$ 225 45	$ 179 45	$114 00	.....	$ 153 48	2238 80

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
* PITTSBURG DISTRICT											
Pittsburg, Ruth street	$ 1 60		$ 42 43		$ 600 00	$ 84 53	$ 40 00	1	$ 15000	2	$ 2100
" Anderson street	1 00	$ 1 00			533 30	64 26		1	3000		
" East End			102 96		364 33	121 47	21 25	1	3500	1	2000
" Glenwood Avenue					370 00	40 31	10 00				
Ford City and Rosston			8 26		40 22	14 15					
Munhall		27 84	28 49		47 03	35 40					
Braddock	96		20 93		413 37	85 54		1	3000	1	2000
McKeesport		3 50	75 00		705 00	147 40		1	1600		
Smithton and Collinsburg			32 00		374 13	88 76	21 00	2	4000		
Monongahela City and Manown					256 00	52 40	6 00				
Kittanning			97 00		402 00	71 36	45 00	1	1500		
Carnegie, West End, McDonald	2 52		27 46		504 97	129 15		2	5000		
New Kensington	44	33	10 00		118 58	70 00		1	1500		
ROCHESTER DISTRICT											
Rochester		5 20	49 49		469 00	82 07	1 75	1	2500	1	1300
New Brighton			106 22		670 0	121 10	4 86	1	4000	1	2000
Pleasant Valley			13 41		102 00	9 00	5 55	1	1500		
E. Liverpool, East End, Irondale			163 32	$ 1 00	527 4	104 00	19 60	2	6000		
Chester, West Virginia			39 09	1 00	350 0	50 00	9 65	1	1600		
Ohioville			19 80		409 97	49 62	4 63	1	1500		
Hookston		2 21	31 66		280 00	69 71		1	1000		
Lazearville, W. Va., Empire and Bridgeport	2 82		71 15		780 21	129 31		1	1500		
Butler	6 25	6 10	154 00		700 00	130 19	17 34	1	2600	1	2400
Mars		1 60	14 35		378 68	52 69	9 50	1	1700		
Lewis Run					60 00						
† WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT											
Hendricks	40	40	19 21	1 00	95 81	20 07		1	800	1	800
Davis			20 60		24 73	7 88		1	600		
Samaria, McConkey and Grafton			1 85		175 62	36 49	6 02	2	1600		
Mt. Sharon, Fairmont, Monongah			11 00		123 74	62 83	20 00	1	800		
ALLEGHANY DISTRICT											
Hites and Tarentum	4 60		92 23		708 61	119 55		2	8500	1	1800
Leechburg, Bagdad and Freeport			29 86		312 84	37 90		2	2000		
Vandergrift			68 09		685 90	105 96	48 09	1	4600	1	2500
Apollo			106 89		620 00	167 00	40 00	2	3100		
Avonmore and Perrysville					337 41	40 44		1	1600		
Blairsville			25 88		436 50	78 52	19 40	1	1800	1	2500
Black Lick and Homer City					106 33	44 41		1	1000		
Indiana	75	1 00	18 00	50	370 00	73 54	5 75	1	1200		
‡ GREENSBURG DISTRICT											
Greensburg and Arona			33 00		422 94	99 82	12 00	2	3300	1	400
Jeannette			25 22	1 43	392 58	41 58	14 12	1	3000		
Mt. Pleasant		1 20	51 78		179 40	73 20	28 50	1	2100	1	1500
Cove Run		2 25	45 78		412 64	101 72	11 76	1	1000	1	1500
Cool Springs, Uniontown and New Haven			2 83		232 50	58 10	3 97	1	600		
Fairchance			44 19		614 46	104 84	27 83	1	1500	1	1500
Glendale	15	15	12 22		284 75	25 75	8 00	1	800		
West Brownsville					100 00	20 22		1	1500		
Bolivar and Armagh			2 24		135 28	30 54		1	1500		
ATLANTA DISTRICT											
Atlanta, Georgia			58 31	10 00	250 00		80 70				
Flora			4 00								
Total	$21 49	$55 78	$1738 60	$14 93	16442 28	$3480 99	$ 592 34	48	$ 104900	15	$ 23300

*Pittsburg district, district elder's receipts unlisted, $122.35.

†West Virginia district, district elder's receipts unlisted, $115.94.

‡Greensburg district, district elder's receipts unlisted, $20,22

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session, held in the Free Methodist Church at Gallatin, Tennessee, October 21–25, 1903

OFFICERS

C. W. STAMP, *President.*

W. MAYFIELD, *Secretary and Treasurer.* H. O. COATES, *Assistant Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—C. W. Stamp, W. Mayfield, J M. Keen.
On Publications—T. B. Adams, H. O. Coates, R. G. Hill.
On Prohibition—W. Mayfield, H. O. Coates, R. G. Hill.
On Education—W. Mayfield, T. B. Adams, T. S. Wilkerson.
On Secret Societies—H. O. Coates, W. R. Garrison, T. W. Carter.
On Conference Claims and Claimants—The stationing committee.
On Ministerial Relations—The stationing committee.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—H. O. Coates.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—T. B. Adams.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. Mayfield, T. B. Adams, T. W. Carter, R. G. Hill.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. Mayfield, for three years; T. B. Adams, for two years; H. O. Coates, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—T. B.Adams.
On Publications—W. Mayfield.
On Secret Societies—H. O. Coates.
On Sunday-schools—T. B. Adams.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' Claim; third quarter, Church Extension; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. Mayfield, H. O. Coates, H. C. Foster, J. A. Manning, I. H. Justice, W. N. Matheny, T. B. Adams, R. H. Hinton, W. W. Bates. W. R. Garrison, J. M. Keen,

DELEGATES

I. W. Foster, Grant Miller, T. W. Carter, T. C. Crowder, T. S. Wilkerson, Amanda Boren. R. G. Hill,

2. Who are the stationing committee? C. W. Stamp, W. Mayfield, J. M. Keen.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Grant Miller, A. G. Fellows.

4. Who remain on trial? E. V. Towns.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. M. Keen, W. N. Matheny, H. C. Foster.

6. Who are the deacons? J. M. Keen, H. C. Foster, W. N. Matheny, I. H. Justice.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. R. Garrison.

8, 9, 10. None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? T. B. Adams, from the Ohio conference; W. W. Bates, from the Iowa conference.

12, 15. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. W. W. Kelley.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16–23. See reports and statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Petroleum, Kentucky, as near the first Wednesday in October, 1904, as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS

General Superintendent E. P. Hart being unable to attend, C. W. Stamp presided, by appointment, over the conference. There were five sittings. Brother Stamp preached six times and delivered four addresses to the conference. His abilities in both the pulpit and the chair gave perfect satisfaction.

Three were admitted into full connection, having been previously ordained local deacons; two were ordained local deacon Sabbath morning, and one was ordained elder.

APPOINTMENTS

SCOTTSVILLE DISTRICT—T. B. Adams, District Elder.

Scottsville, Petroleum, Mount Carmel and New Roe.....W. R. Garrison
Bowling Green, Cassaday, Mount Zion and Kelley's Chapel.....A. G. Fellows
Beech Grove, Steamport and Sebree .....Grant Miller
Woodbury.....To be supplied

J. A. Manning, evangelist; R. H. Hinton, left without appointment.

MAMMOTH CAVE DISTRICT—T. B. Adams, District Elder.

Mount Beulah, Northtown, Cedar Grove and Rowletts.....E. V. Towns
Upton, Tally schoolhouse and Millerstown.....H. O. Coates
Louisville.....To be supplied

I. H. Justice, evangelist.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT—W. Mayfield, District Elder.

Gallatin and Cottontown.....J. M. Keen
Westmoreland, Forest Chapel, Bethlehem and Wolfhill.....George Tucker, supply
LaFayette, Dixon Springs, William's schoolhouse and Gibb's Crossroads.....H. C. Foster

W. N. Matheny, evangelist.

TULLAHOMA DISTRICT—W. Mayfield, District Elder.

Zions Hill and Hillsboro.....G. T. Coates, supply
Manchester.....To be supplied
Crossville .....To be supplied
Monterey.....To be supplied

W. W. Bates, evangelist.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

SCOTTSVILLE, MAMMOTH CAVE, NASHVILLE AND TULLAHOMA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
SCOTTSVILLE DISTRICT	J. A. Manning, District Elder																	
Scottsville and Petroleum	J. W. W. Kelley	45	..	45	2	2	2	8	90	3	.....	$ 3 36	.....	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	$ 6 00	.....	.....
Bowling Green	R. H. Hinton	52	..	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	5 40	.....	7 00	3 30	7 00	.....	.....
Beech Grove	Grant Miller, supply	10	..	10	1	1	1	4	25	..	.....	1 50	.....	1 50	1 00	1 50	.....	.....
New Roe	Supplied	5	1	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	.....	40	.....	30	20	.....	.....	.....
MAMMOTH CAVE DISTRICT	J. A. Manning, District Elder																	
Mt. Beulah	E. V. Towns	34	3	37	..	2	..	..	..	3	$ 2 50	5 76	.....	4 80	3 20	4 80	.....	.....
NASHVILLE DISTRICT	W. Mayfield, District Elder																	
Gallatin	J. M. Keen	25	..	25	2	..	2	9	40	3	.....	5 40	.....	.....	1 60	4 50	.....	.....
Westmoreland and Forest Chapel	W. R. Garrison	7	..	7	1	1	..	..	..	1	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
La Fayette	H. O. Coates	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	18	.....	27	40	60	.....	.....
TULLAHOMA DISTRICT	Supplied	20	..	20	2	..	1	6	30	1	.....	3 60	.....	3 00	2 20	3 00	.....	.....
Public collection	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	7 02	.....	3 29	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	202	4	206	9	6	6	27	185	11	$ 2 50	$ 34 02	.....	$ 23 16	$ 18 90	$ 27 24	.....	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
SCOTTSVILLE DISTRICT											
Scottsville and Petroleum					$ 62 42	$ 20 00		2	$ 1500		
Bowling Green					98 00	32 00	$ 40 00	4	2000		
Beech Grove					22 20	8 00					
New Roe						12 01					
MAMMOTH CAVE DISTRICT											
Mt. Beulah					156 10	18 81	12 98	1	700		
NASHVILLE DISTRICT											
Gallatin					15 00	14 00	36 00	1	1300		
Westmoreland and Forest Chapel					20 25	4 50		2	900		
La Fayette					10 85		76 50				
TULLAHOMA DISTRICT						29 82		1	400		
Total					$ 384 82	$ 139 14	$ 165 48	11	$ 6800		

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Minutes of the Forty-fourth Annual Session, held at Niagara Falls, New York, September 23-26, 1903

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BURTON R. JONES, *President.* W. MANNING, *Secretary.*
W. W. MANNING, THOMAS SULLY, *Assistant Secretaries.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, C. W. Bacon, M. C. Burritt, S. Witmer.
On Missions—The stationing committee.
On Education—F. F. Shoup, J. H. Wheeler, G. E. Coleman.
On Sunday-schools—W. W. Manning, J. F. Franklin, Lucy J. King, F. E. Willard.
On Church Literature—W. T. Wees, W. W. Warner, Sarah Cahoon, Ella Geiger.
On Sabbath Observance—J. O'Regan, L. K. Manning, Marvin King, C. W. Anguish.
On Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic—J. Robinson, O. C. Blowers, Sarah J. Elton, Alice Post, Robert Woolston.
On Conference Claimants' Fund—C. W. Thurber, H. L. Miner.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—L. F. Clark, Grant C. Woods.
On General and Foreign Missions—T. S. Slocum, J. G. Tuxford.
On General Superintendents' Salary—G. S. Chamberlain, G. M. Allen.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. S. Bradbrook, C. C. Eggleston, A. H. Bennett.
On Railroad Reduction—Thomas Sully.
On Ministerial Relations—G. W. Coleman, H. Hornsby, M. C. Burritt, William Thompson, H. J. Wood.
On Memoirs—C. C. Eggleston, M. C. Burritt, L. Witmer, G. Goodenough.
To Receive Educational and Children's Day Funds—N. B. Martin.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Wheeler, C. W. Bacon, F. F. Shoup.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. W. Bacon, president; C. C. Eggleston, secretary; L. D. Perkins, treasurer; J. H. Harmon, M. C. Burritt.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

A. K. Bacon, president and treasurer; A. H. Bennett, secretary; C. C. Eggleston, J. Robinson, D. S. Damon.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

Levi Wood,	C. D. Brooks,	H. Hornsby,	W. Manning,
I. C. White,	T. B. Catton,	J. Robinson,	A. A. Burgess,
C. C. Eggleston,	S. K. J. Chesbro,	W. T. Hogue,	A. H. Bennett,
R. S. Phillips,	J. H. Harmon,	L. D. Perkins,	W. Jones,

PREACHERS—Continued

J. O'Regan,	G. D. Mark,	E. A. Taylor,	T. S. Slocum,
W. W. Manning,	C. W. Bacon,	G. M. Allen,	O. C. Blowers,
L. Barmore,	E. C. Best,	B. H. Roberts,	N. Palmer,
J. F. Franklin,	B. Winget,	J. H. Wheeler,	N. B. Martin,
G. S. Chamberlain,	H. W. Rowley,	J. S. Bradbrook,	C. W. Thurber,
W. T. Wees,	D. W. Steele,	W. W. Warner,	G. W. Coleman,
G. B. Altoft,	F. F. Shoup,	H. L. Miner,	J. P. Irving,
J. A. Prosser,	L. K. Manning,	G. B. Tingue,	L. F. Clark,
H. A. Blowers,	T. S. Simpson,	F. A. Perkins,	W. T. Underwood.

DELEGATES

W. Thompson,	M. C. Burritt,	W. Lawton,	A. B. Pulis,
Alice Post,	A. K. Bacon,	Robert Woolston,	G. E. Coleman,
Sarah Cahoon,	Josephine Altoft,	O. S. Frederick,	Thomas Sully,
M. G. Cottrill,	Thomas Wilson,	G. H. Goodenough,	F. E. Willard,
Lucy J. King,	E. A. Johnston,	Sarah J. Elton,	C. W. Anguish,
S. Witmer,	Nancy E. Chapin,	Isaac Fanton,	H. J. Wood,
Marvin King,	G. C. Woods,	Phina E. Armstrong,	G. Macmer,
Ella Geiger,	Emma Baker,	Sarah Tuxford,	Flora Goodenough,
C. W. Ingersol,	M. McKoon,	J. G. Tuxford,	J. K. Wilson.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, J. H. Harmon, L. Barmore, F. F. Shoup, E. A. Taylor, G. D. Mark, A. K. Bacon, O. S. Frederick, Thomas Sully, G. C. Woods, J. K. Wilson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? M. E. Ellis, Charles E. Pike.

4. Who remain on trial? Burton F. Hitchcock.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Elmer C. Reber.

6. Who are the deacons? G. B. Altoft, L. K. Manning, G. B. Tingue, L. F. Clark, H. A. Blowers, T. S. Simpson, W. T. Underwood.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Simon Witmer (local).

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. D. Brooks, E. C. Best, Levi Wood, A. A. Burgess, J. S. Bradbrook, W. W. Warner.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? W. Jones, I. C. White, T. B. Catton, H. Hornsby, R. S. Phillips.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? Frank A. Perkins, from the East Michigan conference; Thomas S. Simpson, William T. Underwood, from the Oil City conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? William T. Wees.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? Marson E. Brown, William Wallace Browne.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? See report on conference claimants and claims.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Rushford, Allegany county, New York, to commence on Wednesday, September 15, 1904, or as near that time as the general superintendents can arrange for.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-fourth annual session of the conference was held at Niagara Falls, New York, September 23-26, 1903. General Superintendent Burton R. Jones presided. There were six sittings of the conference.

Rev. W. B. Olmstead, Sunday-school secretary, Rev. Frank A. Perkins, of the East Michigan conference, Rev. F. E. Pond, of the Oil City conference, Rev. Mr. Merle, pastor of the Evangelical church, Niagara Falls, and Rev. Mr. Stauffer, pastor of the Memorial Evangelical church of Buffalo, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

Thomas Sully was elected conference treasurer.

The conference collections, except the one for Home Missions, were ordered sent to the conference treasurer, 262 Hudson street, Buffalo, New York, instead of to the general treasurer at Chicago.

The collections were ordered taken as follows: First quarter, General Superintendents' Salary; second quarter, General and Home Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions.

The following named persons were elected as members of the board of trustees of the Orphanage and Home at Gerry, New York: W. Manning, A. K. Bacon, T. Sully, E. A. Taylor, M. B. Miller; B. E. Strong was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of G. M. Booth.

For the names of the officers and members of Church Extension and Aid Society, and Board of Conference Trustees, see under the head of Standing Committees.

Monies raised at the conference for various purposes were as follows: For the use of the church where the conference was held, $12.00; for the Orphanage and Home of Gerry, New York, in cash and pledges, $252.50; for the indebtedness on the Free Methodist parsonage, Niagara Falls, $80; Sunday morning collection, $15.13; for conference supplies, $7.90; for the China Mission, cash and pledges, $200.00; for pastor, J. P. Irving, $21.50. Total, $589.03.

Sunday services—Love-feast at 9 a. m., at the close of which Clarence L. Silvernail, a local preacher, was ordained deacon. About 11 o'clock a sermon both spiritual and inspiring, was preached by General Superintendent Jones.

Afternoon—At 2:30, Simon Witmer, a local deacon, was ordained elder. At 3 o'clock a missionary service was conducted under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. Miss Clara Leffingwell gave the principal address. W. B. Olmstead made some very earnest and appropriate remarks and called for free-will offerings.

Evening—Revs. M. E. Brown and W. W. Browne having died during the year, the committee on memoirs had arranged for memorial services from 7 to 7:45. The services were solemn and profitable. Honorable mention was made of J. R. Olmstead of Yorkshire, New York, who had recently died. He had been several times a lay member of the conference. About 8 o'clock a sermon was preached by J. H. Harmon, and at its close W. B. Olmstead exhorted and extended an invitation to the unsaved to seek the Lord, but without a response.

APPOINTMENTS

GENESEE DISTRICT—J. H. Harmon, District Elder.

Rochester.....J. H. Harmon, 71 Richmond street, Rochester, New York
Parma and Chili ..... Frank A. Perkins, Parma Center, Monroe county, " "
..... Charles E. Pike, West Greece, " " " "
Brockport and Hulberton.....To be supplied
Sweden .....Noah Palmer, Bergen, R. F. D., Monroe county, New York
Kendall .....William Manning, Kendall, R. F. D., Orleans " " "
Albion.....To be supplied
Gaines and Kenyonville.....J. J. Kelly, Gaines, Orleans county, New York

S. K. J. Chesbro, agent, Free Methodist Publishing House, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; B. Winget, missionary secretary, 14 North May street, Chicago, Illinois; B. H. Roberts, principal A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, North Chili, Monroe county, New York; H. Hornsby, superannuated, Kendall, R. F. D., Orleans county. New York; R. S. Phillips, superannuated, Brockport, Monroe county, New York; C. D. Brooks, left without appointment, Geneva, New York; W. W. Warner, supernumerary, North Chili, Monroe county, New York.

BUFFALO DISTRICT—F. F. Shoup, District Elder.

Buffalo (Virginia street).....C. W. Bacon, 75 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York
" (Potomac avenue)....G. S. Chamberlain, 177 Potomac avenue, " " "
" (Marion avenue) .....J. Robinson, Marion avenue, " " "
South Buffalo.....To be supplied
Akron.....E. C. Reber, Akron, Erie county, New York
Lockport .....C. C. Eggleston, 35 Park avenue, Lockport, " "
Pendleton and Shawnee.....B. F. Hitchcock, Pendleton, Niagara county, " "
Newfane and Wilson.....J. P. Irving, Newfane, " " " "
Ransomville .....To be supplied
Tonawanda.....H. L. Miner, Adams street, Tonawanda, New York
Niagara Falls and Aluminum Park.....
.....J. F. Franklin, 1507 Weston avenue, Niagara Falls, " "

J. S. Bradbrook, left without appointment with a view of going into mission work, 36 Germania street, Buffalo, New York; W. T. Hogue, general superintendent, Greenville, Illinois; A. A. Burgess, supernumerary, Niagara Falls, New York; O. C. Blowers, left without appointment, Ransomville, Niagara county, New York.

WYOMING DISTRICT—E. A. Taylor, District Elder.

Perry.....L. Barmore, Perry, Wyoming county, New York
Batavia, Bethany, Alexander and Greigsville.....
.....Philo Miner, supply, Alexander, Genesee county, " "
Johnsonburg and Union Corners .....To be supplied
Gainesville and Wethersfield Springs.....
.....L. K. Manning, Gainesville, Wyoming county, New York
LeRoy.....To be supplied

G. W. Coleman, supernumerary, Gainesville, Wyoming county, New York; T. B. Catton, superannuated, Perry, Wyoming county, New York; G. B. Altoft, supernumerary, Perry, Wyoming county, New York.

ALLEGANY DISTRICT—E. A. Taylor, District Elder.

Allegany and Dutch Hill.....G. M. Allen, Allegany, Cattaraugus county, New York
Belmont and Ford Brook.....D. W. Steele, Belmont, Allegany " " "
Bolivar..... M. E. Ellis, Bolivar, " " " "
East Otto, Ashford and Springville..L. F. Clark, East Otto, Cattaraugus " " "
Colden and West Falls.....To be supplied
Elton, Yorkshire and Delavan .....G. D. Mark, Elton, Cattaraugus county, New York
Franklinville.....H. A. Blowers, Franklinville, " " " "
Rushford and Rockville.....N. B. Martin, Rushford, Allegany " " "
Wales, Town Line and East Aurora .....C. L. Silvernail, Wales, Erie " " "

L. Wood, supernumerary, 92 Boylston street, Bradford, Pennsylvania; W. Jones, superannuated, Gowanda, New York; J. A. Prosser, left without appointment, Morganstown, Ontario, Canada. North D. Co.; H. W. Rowley, supernumerary, Collins Center, Erie county, New York. Quarterly conference relations of E. A. Taylor are fixed on the Allegany district.

CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT—J. O'Regan, District Elder.

Forestville and Fredonia.....T. S. Simpson, Forestville, Chautauqua county, New York
Salamanca, Great Valley and Red House.....To be supplied
South Dayton, Leon and Cherry Creek.....
.....G. B. Tingue, South Dayton, Cattaraugus county, New York
East Randolph and Ellington .. C. W. Thurber, Ellington, Chautauqua " " "
Jamestown.....J. H. Wheeler, 511 East Seventh street, Jamestown, " "
Gerry.....A. H. Bennett, Gerry, Chautauqua county, " "
Cattaraugus, New Albion and Little Valley .....
.....W. W. Manning, Cattaraugus, Cattaraugus county, " "
Collins Center and Marshfield.. .....
.....N. S. Goodenough, supply, Collins Center, Erie county, " "
Gowanda and North Collins...W. T. Underwood, Gowanda, Cattaraugus " " "

L. D. Perkins, manager Orphanage and Home, Gerry, Chautauqua county, New York; E. C. Best, supernumerary, Fredonia, Chautauqua county, New York; I. C. White, superannuated, Forestville, Chautauqua county, New York; T. S. Slocum, left without appointment, Cattaraugus, Cattaraugus county, New York.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

A. K. Bacon, Albion, Orleans county, New York.
G. W. Worthington, Brockport, R. F. D., Monroe county, New York.
Mrs. E. S. Roberts, North Chili, Monroe county, New York.
Miss A. P. Carpenter, North Chili, Monroe county, New York.
M. C. Burritt, LeRoy, Genesee county, New York.
Mrs. L. F. Manning, Kendall, R. F. D., Orleans county, New York.
M. G. Cottrill, 269 Bird avenue, Buffalo, New York.
H. G. Booth, 227 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, New York.
John Lowe... 681 Hopkins street, Buffalo, New York.
Simon Witmer ..1024 Grove avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.
R. E. Bigelow....Wilson, Niagara county, New York.
Mrs. Flora Goodenough...Collins Center, Erie county, New York.
Arthur Eaden...East Aurora, Erie county, New York.
M. H. Boyd, Wadsworth, Livingston county, New York.
Gilbert Bullard, Gaines, Orleans county, New York.
Frank R. Ballard ..Cattaraugus, Cattaraugus county, New York.
Mrs. O. T. Steele....East Otto, Cattaraugus county, New York.
C. Wiltse, Allegany, Cattaraugus county, New York.
M. H. Monroe, Allegany, Cattaraugus county, New York.
J. G. Tuxford .....Jamestown, New York
J. L. Turner .....Smithport, Pennsylvania
Mrs. R. A. Best.....113 Seymour street, Fredonia, Chautauqua county, New York.
Mrs. Lizzie M. Perkins..Gerry, Chautauqua county, New York.
W. P. Carpenter ....214 Washington street, Jamestown, New York.
W. W. Jones, Bolivar, Allegany county, New York.
Edson L. Worbois...Hilton, Monroe county, New York.
Mrs. L. J. W. Coleman..Gainesville, Wyoming county, New York.
S. F. Mercereau.....Rochester, New York

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

General Superintendents' Salaries.—Assessed, $264.42.
By cash and receipts, $258.02; deficit, $6.40. Total, $264.42. The deficit was ordered met by a collection to be taken on Sabbath morning.

General Missions.—Assessed, $220.35.
By cash, $130.87; by receipts, $87.94; deficit, $1.50. Total, $220.35. Deficit ordered paid out of money in the hands of the conference treasurer.

Foreign Missions—By cash, $11.53; by receipts, $32. Total $43.53.
The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is the channel through which most of the money for foreign missions is conveyed.

Church Extension and Aid Society.—Assessed, $146.90.
Raised, $122.70; deficit, $24.20. Total, $146.90. The deficit was ordered paid out of money in the hands of the conference treasurer.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—Amount raised on Buffalo district, $474.07; Genesee district, $271.24; Allegany district, $207.19; Chautauqua district, $210.79; Wyoming district, $42.02; collection at conference, $92. Total, $1297.31.

Report of Treasurer of Board of Conference Trustees.—Interest on hand September 13, 1902, $186.14. Interest received since then: On mortgage, $15; Mechanics' Savings' Bank, $5.16; Monroe County Savings' Bank, $18.30; interest from balance from last year, $3, September 25; S. K. J. Chesbro, $55, September 25; J. Robinson, $6.25. Total, $289.30.
Paid per vote of conference, $125.94; interest on hand September, 25, 1903, $163.36.
A. K. Bacon, treasurer of board.

Children's Fund.—Cash and receipts, $37.05.

Educational Fund.—$12.

Conference Missions—Assessed , $293.80.
Raised by circuits, $286.75; deficit, $7.05. Total, $293.80. The deficit was ordered paid out of money in the hands of the conference treasurer.
Disbursements: Paid to the Gaines, etc., circuit, $25; Alexander, etc., circuit, $50;

Hulberton, etc., circuit, $25; Newfane, etc., circuit, $25; Buffalo district, $25; Wales and Town Line circuit, $10; Collins Center, etc., circuit, $10; Franklinville circuit, $25; Bolivar, $15; East Randolph, etc., circuit, $25; Salamanca, etc., circuit, $25; Noah Palmer, by vote of conference, $13; C. L. Silvernail, by vote of conference, $13. Total, $286.

The committee recommended that twenty cents per member be raised, and made the following appropriations for the coming year: Newfane and Wilson, $50; Buffalo district work, $25; Gaines and Kenyonville, $25; Brockport and Hulberton, $25; Collins Center and Marshfield, $10; Gowanda and North Collins, $10; Franklinville, $40; East Randolph and Ellington, $25; South Dayton and Leon, $25; Sweden, $25. Total $260.

Conference Claims.—Amount of claims, $820.

By cash and receipts, $435.43; received from treasurer, $379.30; deficit, $5.27. Total, $820. The deficit was ordered paid from money in the hands of the treasurer of the board of conference trustees, accruing from the interest on the Stevens-Sperry legacies.

Disbursements: Paid to I. C. White, $150; W. Jones, $150; M. E. Brown, $75; Mrs. Ruth E. Bacon, $150; R. S. Phillips, $140; Mrs. Marcia Southworth, $80; Mrs. Mary E. McAlpine, $75. Total, $820.

Amount necessary the coming year, $990. William Jones, $150; I. C. White, $150; R. S. Phillips $140; Mrs. Mary E. McAlpine, $110; Mrs. Marcia Southworth, $80; Mrs. Ruth E. Bacon, $150; Mrs. W. W. Browne, $150; Mrs. Mary H. Leonard, $60. Total, $990.

Conference Treasurer's Report.—December 1, 1902, General Conference Expense Fund. Amount received from former treasurer, $27.88; September 26, 1903, interest to date, 63 cents. Total, $28.51. June 24, 1903, paid to S. K. J. Chesbro, Genesee Conference deficiency on Delegates' Expense Fund, $9.81; balance on hand, $18.70. General Superintendents' Fund, December 1, 1902. Amount from former treasurer, $1.39; September 26, 1903, interest to date, 4 cents; total, $1.43. Conference Claimants' Fund, December 1, 1902. Amount from former treasurer, $1.73; interest to date, 4 cents; total, $1.77. Total in the hands of treasurer, September, 26, 1903, $21.90.

Thomas Sully, treasurer.

II.—ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We are taught by the word that the Sabbath is of divine origin, created in the interests of man's spiritual, mental and physical well-being. Its proper observance, therefore, is not a matter optional with man. All men, of every name, everywhere, and under all circumstances are obligated to ascertain how to observe this day, and then observe it, that the purposes of God in man's creation may be wrought out. On this point man has not been left in the dark, as the divine exhortation is recorded, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Isaiah defines the meaning of the word holy as it is used in this connection as follows: Not "doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words." From this we conclude that it is a day wherein we are to rest from the ordinary work of life and devote ourselves particularly to the worship of him who hath created and redeemed us; performing only such work as is necessary for the care of health and life, and as mercy may demand. All other work would seem to be a desecration of the Sabbath, in and for the doing of which we may excuse ourselves, but will the Lord excuse us? We fear that all such work is sinful and must be confessed and forsaken in order to be forgiven.

When viewed aright it is always to the best interest of man that the Sabbath be kept holy, as thus only can he be said to "delight himself in the Lord" and the Lord to "cause him to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed him with the heritage of Jacob." Thus man's spiritual, mental and physical well-being is advanced by the observance of the Sabbath—the keeping it holy as directed. He is better qualified for the work of the week, be it performed on the farm, canal, the railroad, the trolley car, in the store, the shop, the school-room or elsewhere. But when man fails to keep the Sabbath holy, he forfeits the many rich and precious blessings that fall only upon those who observe the day, suffers loss in his triune nature that is difficult to estimate, and above all incurs the displeasure of the God of all comfort and the Father of all mercies. He is thus placed at a disadvantage in the battle of life and is in an important sense disqualified for making a success of the work he has in hand. Sooner or later the obedient one will be apprised of the fact that it is the height of wisdom to heed the command, keep holy the Sabbath day, while the one who is careless concerning or disregards the command entirely, may be assured that his "sin will find him out."

In view of the general and growing indifference to this divine command, we hereby pledge ourselves as a conference to carefully guard against surrendering to any of the many practices that either do or tend to encroach upon the proper observance of this day

We will remember that the Christian Sabbath is the bulwark of our present civilization as of our holy catholic church, and will, therefore, for the good of the people at large, for our own true prosperity, and for the glory of God, both by precept and example make it a matter of conscience to recommend to all the proper observance of the Sabbath.

III.—ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

While the church is indisputably God-ordained and its methods are divinely directed by spiritual processes, yet it is evidently his order that men should be reached by human instrumentality. Among the many agencies thus employed none is more important or efficient than religious literature.

We note with great pleasure the fact that we have a church paper, the FREE METHODIST, to send out to the world that is pure and clean and nothing to be ashamed of, either intellectually or spiritually. It is acknowledged by many other religious papers to be fully up to the standard of Bible holiness. We are sorry to lose our excellent and efficient editor, Rev. W. T. Hogue, who has done so much to bring the tone of the paper up to its present high position, but we trust that the general conference has made no mistake in electing Rev. C. B. Ebey to the editorial chair. Our people ought to take our church paper more generally, both for their own good and for the benefit of the publishing house. The living messages that come to our homes weekly through its columns bring courage, inspiration and life to our souls. The *Earnest Christian*, a monthly magazine, always comes filled with choice things. We recommend the *Missionary Tidings* to all our people. The high standard of our Sunday-school supplies is very gratifying, and the advent of our church Catechism should produce better knowledge of the doctrines of the Bible and produce stronger spiritual character among our young people. We would advise the organization of classes in the Catechism in our Sunday-schools whenever possible. We would recommend our people to patronize our publishing house and secure and read the best of books and thus shut out the evil.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

The aim of every parent should be to place his or her children in the position where they can do the most good possible, and because of this the subject of education should receive careful attention among us. While we hold that all effort is fruitless, in a spiritual sense, without the help of the Holy Spirit, and work will be largely lost only as wrought in accordance with his will, yet we see that the Holy Spirit must have some material upon which to work and something to bless. He will, and doubtless does at times see fit to bless and inspire with thoughts that are new and beyond the ability of the speaker or laborer. Yet that poes not prove that he will not make use of every accomplishment possessed by the subject and which is consecrated to the service and will of God.

No person can do for God what he should unless he has control of his faculties. And where can he gain this power unless it be by carefully committing himself to a system of study either in the school or in the quietude of his own library.

The ministry of our church should be a body of men who are laboring to place themselves in the best possible condition to administer the word of life. But we are afraid that because some find it difficult to commit themselves to mental work they neglect it and trust for inspiration from God when the emergency comes. And perhaps in an effort on God's part to break up the habit and show the subject a better way he is left to himself largely, to the chagrin of himself and his hearers.

We believe that because we hold such a vital and radical position in the world, as a church, that our ministry should be a band of men that are studying to show themselves approved of God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. We should be men of mental power if possible, and able under God to do the work he has given us to do. Hence your committee beg permission to exhort our brethren to engage as little as possible in secular work and spend more time in their studies. We turn to those who are prospective ministers already in the church. We believe that there are opportunities enough for them to gain a respectable education. As a church we are well equipped with Christian schools, and we would recommend that as far as possible such persons avail themselves of the advantage derived from attending them. One of them, the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, is within the bounds of our own conference. We recommend its patronage to our young people.

V.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A serious problem confronts us, one that is growing more serious every day. That the church is being aroused is a hopeful sign, but until a solution is found and put into active operation we shall continue to see our children and young people going elsewhere to find church homes, and it will be only a matter of time when our "house will be left unto us desolate." Now is our opportunity. Shall we make our schools attractive and helpful places, where vital truths are thoroughly inculcated, where the mind is stored with Bible

facts, the heart filled with divine truths and the early conversion of the scholars earnestly sought?

While the teacher is held largely responsible for maintaining the interest of the school and holding the scholars, we feel that the pastor should keenly feel his responsibility and make special effort to show his interest in each individual scholar. It is a fact that children and young people appreciate a kind word or handshake from the pastor. Any special attention from him is prized more highly than from anyone else, which fact he should not overlook.

Nothing should stand in the way of having all the appliances necessary for carrying on the school work in the most acceptable manner. To try to do without libraries, blackboards, maps, cards and bright papers is to court failure. In order that our school workers become more efficient in their work we would recommend that schools furnish a full line of books for their use.

We would recommend the Home Department as a means of extending the influence and enlarging the attendance of the home school, also the normal course as a most systematic and satisfactory manner of Bible study.

We would further recommend the purchase and general distribution of W. B. Olmstead's tract entitled, "How to make your Sunday-school better." We would also emphasize the importance of organizing Sunday-school boards and the necessity of holding teachers' meetings if a greater proficiency in this most important work would be attained.

We would not overlook the fact that among all the Sunday-school papers and literature published none is more bright, pure and instructive than that sent out by our own publishing house at Chicago.

VI.—ON PROHIBITION.

Believing that the liquor traffic violates every command of the Decalogue, and that consequently it is the greatest enemy in existence both to morals and religion, we recommend and urge all our Free Methodist people, both preachers and laymen, to oppose the trade in intoxicating drinks with all the influence they can exert, by precept and example; and as there is a party in the field of politics, which if it were in power, would so legislate as to stop the manufacture and sale, and the giving away of that which would cause drunkenness, we not only invite but urge everyone with almost the energy of despair, everyone who has the right to elective franchise, to cast his vote in favor of bringing into place and power the Prohibition party. Let all act as they pray.

"Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone,
Dare to have a purpose firm,
Dare to make it known."

VII.—ON MEMOIRS.

Marson E. Brown was born in Danby, Rutland county, Vermont, September 21, 1834, and departed this life at his home in South Warsaw, Wyoming county, New York, April 8, 1903. In early life he came to live in western New York; was converted at the age of fifteen years and united with the Methodist Episcopal church. He was faithful and useful, true to his convictions, and was a person of unswerving integrity. He was blessed with a liberal education and for some time he taught school. He cast in his lot with the Free Methodist church in the early sixties, and was admitted into the conference on trial at the fifth annual session held at Akron, Erie county, New York, in 1864, and received his first appointment at Wethersfield Springs and Gainesville. Since that time he has served the following named circuits: West Falls, Otto and Mansfield, Gainesville, Yorkshire and Centerville, Yates and Carlton, Tonawanda and Military Road, Wales and West Falls, Penfield and Mill Run, Pennsylvania, Yorkshire, Arcade and Springville, Akron and Town Line, Brockport and Hulberton, Mansfield, Allegany and Dutch Hill, Rushford and Caseville, Bolivar and Pikeville—twenty-five years all told. BrotherBrown was quite gifted in prayer, and his exhortations were sometimes seasons of power and inspired eloquence. It is claimed that his brother was awakened and brought to Christ during one of these seasons mentioned. Brother Brown was also a good preacher. He was twice married. By the first marriage two children blessed the home, one of whom preceded her mother to the spirit land. Elmer E. of Springville, with his stepmother, wife and nephews remains to mourn his loss. Our brother's death was very triumphant, which is a source of great comfort to all.

W. W. Browne first saw the light of day in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 12, 1847. Having lost his parents when about four years of age he was intrusted to the care of relatives. He was quite early in life the subject of religious awakening, and when in his young manhood he professed to experience saving grace. But feeling a call to preach the gospel, and thinking it a cross too heavy for him, he gave up his religious profession, and for a time

wandered in the maze of sin, until awakened again by the Spirit of God, he yielded, and shortly after his reclamation, he responded to the call and was given a local preacher's license. He was employed on a circuit as supply for one year, and from the quarterly conference of the then Pittsburg district he was recommended as a suitable person to be received into the conference on trial. Having been thus recommended, and having passed a satisfactory examination in the course of study he was admitted into the conference on trial and was appointed to the Dunkirk, Forestville and Arkwright circuit, at the twentieth annual session held at Allegany, New York, 1879. Since then he has served the following named circuits: East Hickory, Pennsylvania, Tonawanda, Gowanda, East Otto, East Bethany, Rochester, Parma and Chili, West Kendall, Newfane, Niagara Falls, Allegany, Sweden, and Parma and Chili. The last mentioned was his last appointment, where he was suddenly called from labor to rest. Sudden as the change was, we believe our brother was fully ready as he uttered his last "Good-bye, mamma, I am going now," to his sorrow-stricken wife. How great must have been the change on that Sabbath morning when leaving the suffering body, the light broke on his vision in the glory world! May the bereaved ones be divinely comforted and sustained.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE

GENESEE, WYOMING AND BUFFALO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Off'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
GENESEE DISTRICT	J. H. Harmon, Dist. Elder																	
Rochester	J. H. Harmon	55	8	63	1	..	1	12	63	15	$ 18 90	11 30	$ 10 60	$ 6 80	$ 1 30	.....	$ 11 64	.....
Parma and Chili	W. W. Browne, C. E. Pike, sup.	108	5	113	2	2	5	40	172	32	29 10	17 46	19 40	14 55	9 70	.....	.....	$ 90 00
Brockport and Hulberton	Supplied. No report	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Sweden	Noah Palmer	17	..	17	..	..	1	6	20	4	4 80	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Kendall	William Manning	50	4	54	1	1	1	14	120	10	14 40	7 20	9 60	7 20	4 80	.....	.....	35 00
Albion	A. H. Bennett	100	5	105	1		1	15	92	28	30 60	18 36	20 40	15 30	10 20	.....	.....	32 25
Gaines and Kenyonville	J. J. Kelly, supply	28	...	28	2	..	1	5	25	4	8 10	3 86	4 40	4 35	2 90	.....	.....	.....
WYOMING DISTRICT	L. Barmore, District Elder																	
Perry	W. T. Wees	39	3	42	..	..	1	8	56	8	11 40	6 84	7 60	5 70	3 80	.....	.....	25 07
Batavia	W. Newkirk, supply	15	6	21	..	..	1	5	25	6	3 60	1 00	2 40	1 00	.....	.....	26 00	.....
Alexander, Bethany and Greigsville	Philo Minor, supply	15	2	17	1	..	1	7	23	5	3 60	2 16	2 40	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	.....
Johnsonburg and Union Corners	George B. Tingue	18	1	19	..		2	12	70	4	7 50	4 50	4 00	3 75	78	.....	5 00	.....
Gainesville and Wethersfield Springs	L. Barmore	41	3	44	..	1	2	11	59	9	12 90	7 74	3 60	6 45	2 89	.....	2 25	5 20
Leltoy	Supplied	..	...	...	..	..		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
BUFFALO DISTRICT	F. F. Shoup, District Elder																	
Buffalo (Virginia street)	C. W. Bacon	54	18	72	1	2	1	13	50	16	16 20	9 72	10 80	8 10	5 40	.....	.....	80 14
" (Potomac avenue)	G. S. Chamberlain	43	13	56	1	..	1	15	125	7	15 00	9 00	10 00	7 50	5 00	...	.....	35 00
" (Marion Ave. and S. Buffalo)	John Robinson	21	4	25	1	..	1	9	60	4	5 10	3 06	3 40	2 25	1 70	.....	.....	21 77
Akron	E. C. Reber	39	2	41	1	..	1	12	80	12	10 23	5 58	6 20	4 65	3 10	.....	.....	39 15
Lockport	L. K. Manning	43	2	45	..	..	1	13	50	8	12 30	7 38	8 20	1 15	4 10	.....	.....	44 37
Pendleton and Shawnee	B. F. Hitchcock	12	1	13	..	..	1	12	56	5	3 10	2 34	2 60	1 95	1 30	...	6 08	15 12
Newfane and Wilson	J. F. Franklin	28	7	35	.	..	1	10	17	2	9 90	5 40	6 00	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Ransomville	O. C. Blowers	32	2	34	1	..	2	20	95	8	9 60	5 76	6 40	4 80	3 20	.....	.....	.....
Tonawanda	H. L. Miner	49	24	73	..	..	1	8	70	9	13 50	8 10	9 00	6 75	4 50	....	1 18	18 15
Niagara Falls and Aluminum Park	J. P. Irving	40	10	50	4	..	1	13	67	6	9 60	5 76	1 40	4 80	3 20		1 00	13 35

District Elder of the Buffalo district reports as received from other sources than reported from circuits $177.75.

North Chili reported paid on foreign missions $17.83, but had no receipts for it.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE—Continued

ALLEGANY AND CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
ALLEGANY DISTRICT	E. A. Taylor, District Elder																	
Allegany and Dutch Hill	W. T. Underwood, supply	44	2	46	1	..	1	5	19	15	$ 14 10	$ 7 60	$ 9 40	$ 7 05	$ 4 70	.....	.....	$ 10 35
Belmont and Ford's Brook	D. W. Steele	28	18	46	.....		1	11	40	11	6 55	4 03	4 50	3 40	2 10	....	.....	18 00
Bolivar and Petrolea	M. E. Ellis, supply	8	8	16	..	..	1	5	18	2	2 40	1 41	1 60	1 20	80	....	.....	.....
Cattaraugus, New Albion and Little Valley	T. S. Slocum	43	7	50	1	..	1	8	40	10	14 19	7 77	8 60	6 45	1 55	.....	.....	..
East Otto, Ashford and Springville	Luman F. Clark	43	17	60	1	1	1	8	50	12	14 10	8 46	9 40	6 75	4 70	.....	.....	18 00
Elton and Yorkshire	H. A. Blowers	46	10	56	..	..	2	16	70	12	13 20	7 92	6 60	8 80	4 40	.....	.....	14 50
Franklinville	C. C. Eggleston	31	7	38	..	..	1	6	26	6	8 40	5 04	5 60	4 20	1 00	.....	.....	5 00
Rushford and Rockville	N. B. Martin	66	6	72	..	..	2	12	95	25	19 20	11 52	12 80	9 60	6 40	.....	$ 6 00	26 50
Collins Center and Marshfield	H. W. Rowley	28	2	30	1	..	2	12	35	6	9 00	5 40	6 00	4 50	3 00	.....	30 00	..
Gowanda and North Collins	G. M. Allen	23	..	23	..	..	2	6	25	8	8 10	4 86	5 00	4 05	1 00	....	9 50	29 90
Wales and Town Line	Clarence M. Goodman, supply	25	...	25	1	..	2	8	30	12	6 90	4 14	4 60	3 45	2 30	.....	5 00	.....
East Aurora and Colden	Supplied	22	..	22	1	..	1	....	15	....	5 25	2 25	2 26	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT	G. D. Mark, District Elder																	
Forestville and Fredonia	T. S. Simpson, supply	48	11	59		1	2	11	66	11	14 40	8 64	9 60	7 20	4 80	.....	.....	34 63
Salamanca, Great Valley, Red House	N. L. Goodenough, supply	18	1	19	..	1	1	8	53	4	5 40	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	.....
South Dayton, Leon, Cherry Creek	C. L. Silvernail, supply	33	3	36		.	1	6	20	5	8 40	5 04	4 60	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	.....
East Randolph and Ellington	C. W. Thurber	45	4	49	..	..	..	....	....	10	10 80	6 48	5 40	7 20	3 60	.....	4 00	.....
Jamestown	J. H. Wheeler	57	9	66	3	..	1	6	40	15	13 20	7 92	8 80	6 60	4 40	.....	.....	26 75
Gerry	G. D. Mark	57	13	70		..	1	12	118	18	16 20	9 72	10 80	8 10	1 76	.....	.. ....	22 60
Total		1512	238	1750	26	9	51	390	2155	384	$ 440 02	$ 256 84	$ 280 75	$ 217 75	$124 78	.....	$ 107 65	$652 56

District elder of the Allegany district reports as received from other sources than reported from circuits $69.77.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
GENESEE DISTRICT											
Rochester	$ 3 93		$ 47 74		$ 768 00		$ 12 43	1	$ 4000	1	$ 6000
Parma and Chili			76 51		800 00			5	10000	2	2500
Brockport and Hulberton											
Sweden	2 00	$ 2 30	15 38		250 50	$ 7 64		1	1500	1	750
Kendall	1 75	1 00	41 16		453 00			2	4000	1	1500
Albion	5 00	5 15	51 63		600 00	12 55		1	8000	1	1400
Gaines and Kenyonville		2 02	18 13		225 00	3 30	4 33	2	1700		
WYOMING DISTRICT											
Perry	1 00		29 13		500 00	5 80		1	1000	1	2000
Batavia			12 85		227 56		21 60	1	1500		600
Alexander, Bethany, Greigsville			13 34		281 42	2 20		3	1000	1	
Johnsonburg and Union Corners			18 50		353 35	16 90		2	1700	1	500
Gainesville, Wethersfield Springs			12 25		318 74			2	1600	3	
LeRoy											
BUFFALO DISTRICT											
Buffalo (Virginia street)	3 22				778 76	101 53		1	10000	1	3200
" (Potomac avenue)	3 25				550 00	66 00		1	3100	1	2700
" (Marion Ave., S. Buffalo)					311 72	37 78		1	1250	1	1000
Akron				$ 1 00	455 93	51 51	8 00	1	2000	1	1500
Lockport					476 11	61 33		1	5000		
Pendleton and Shawnee					214 26	40 53					
Newfane and Wilson					271 40	25 80	4 75	2	2200	1	1200
Ransomville					366 66	38 52		1	2000	1	700
Tonawanda					600 00	56 64	9 17	1	5000	1	2000
Niagara Falls and Aluminum Park	85			30	688 00	61 86		1	3000	1	1500
ALLEGANY DISTRICT											
Allegany and Dutch Hill			10 51		231 02	27 47		2	3000	1	1000
Belmont and Ford's Brook			15 00		319 98	35 74	11 40	2	1500	1	800
Bolivar and Petrolea			3 50		232 97	18 76		1	1500	1	800
Cattaraugus, New Albion and Little Valley			12 85		300 00	32 00	8 00	2	2200		
East Otto, Ashford and Springville		4 65	30 00		337 50	32 00		1	1000	1	1000
Elton and Yorkshire		1 50	24 93		353 67	40 54		2	1800	1	600
Franklinville	1 00	1 00	25 00		275 66	25 00		1	2000	1	1200
Rushford and Rockville		3 93	18 68		425 19	41 56		1	1000	1	500
Collins Center and Marshfield		1 47	15 00		256 86	26 85	7 83	2	1700	1	700
Gowanda and North Collins			16 00		250 56	28 68		2	3600	1	1200
Wales and Town Line					216 61	39 36		2	1500	1	500
East Aurora and Colden			7 37				42 06	2	1500		
CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT											
Forestville and Fredonia			23 49		359 00	17 00	2 35	2	3300	1	800
Salamanca, Great Valley and Red House			10 65		216 50	19 40		2	1600		
South Dayton, Leon, Cherry Creek			10 20		251 63	10 03	9 61	2	2500		
East Randolph and Ellington				30	262 71		18 85	1	1000		
Jamestown	1 25		35 00		495 12		26 29	1	2500	1	2000
Gerry			30 52		420 00	19 66		1	1500	1	1000
Total	$20 03	$42 49	$1003 84	$ 1 60	13870 49	$1028 17	$ 215 61	60	$ 104250	31	$ 41250

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session, held at Dallas, Texas, October 28-31, 1903

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

R. A. THOMPSON, *Secretary.* W. C. ROSE, *Assistant Secretary.*

W. H. WINTERS, *Statistical Secretary.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, W. C. Rose, M. L. Lancaster.
On Publications—W. H. Winters, W. M. Adams, W. A. McNeil.
On Reforms—R. A. Thompson, L. A. Miller, R. E. Elkins.
On Publishing the Minutes—R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose.
On Sunday-schools—W. C. Rose, Clara Ferris, M. L. Lancaster.
On Temperance—George McCulloch, E. E. Chandler, J. G. Adams.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—George McCulloch, W. H. Winters.
On the State of the Work—W. C. Rose, M. L. Lancaster.
To Receive the Conference Collections—George McCulloch.
To Raise Funds to Publish the Minutes—S. H. Owens.
On Education—W. H. Winters, Clara Ferris, George McCulloch.
On Conference Missions—W. A. Sellew, W. C. Rose, M. L. Lancaster, R. E. Elkins, E. E. Chandler.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, for one year; W. H. Lathrop, S. H. Owens, for two years; George McCulloch, L. A. Miller, W. M. Adams, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

George McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, E. E. Chandler, R. E. Elkins.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

George McCulloch, W. C. Rose, R. A. Thompson, M. L. Lancaster, W. H. Winters.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), and public collection for Foreign Missions; second quarter, General Superintendents' (18 cents); third quarter, Church Extension (10 cents), and Home Missions (20 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' (38 cents). The conference ordered the Home Mission collection taken, five cents each quarter, and forwarded to W. H. Lathrop, and also for each preacher to take up a public collection for his benefit.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

George McCulloch,	R. A. Thompson,	M. L. Lancaster,	W. H. Lathrop,
W. C. Rose,	L. A. Miller,	M. M. Lowry,	W. M. Adams,
S. H. Owens,	J. F. Hendricks,	W. H. Winters,	J. B. McBride,
R. E. Fletcher,	J. L. Wyche,	T. J. Jacks.	

DELEGATES

W. L. Delamar,	Pearl Foote,	W. A. McNeil,	H. A. Hanson,
M. F. Lewis,	D. O. Brown,	S. F. Cooke,	E. C. Morris,
Clara Ferris,	S. F. Worly,	R. E. Elkins,	E. E. Chandler,
G. R. Williams,	William Barton,	S. A. Thorp,	Mary Hendricks,
R. L. Edgar.			

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, M. L. Lancaster, W. C. Rose, R. E. Elkins, E. E. Chandler.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? S. F. Worley, A. B. Harrell, B. F. Harris.

4. Who remain on trial? J. G. Adams, L. P. Morris, R. G. Swanson.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? T. J. Jacks.

6. Who are the deacons? S. H. Owen, M. M. Lowry, †T. J. Jacks, J. F. Hendricks, J. G. Adams.

7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16–23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Rockwall, Texas, as near November 1, 1904, as will suit the convenience of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-fourth session of the Texas conference was held in Dallas, Texas. There were five most harmonious and blessed sittings. General Superintendent W. A. Sellew appeared to be at his best and surely "gave full proof of his ministry." As a presiding officer he is unexcelled. There was a nice gain on all lines.

The W. F. M. S. held an interesting meeting Sunday afternoon, presided over by the conference president, Mrs. H. E. Thompson. The meeting was addressed by W. H. Winters and the president. A collection amounting to $24.00 in cash and subscriptions was taken.

Mrs. H. E. Thompson was appointed by the conference to travel as organizer of Foreign Missionary Societies.

APPOINTMENTS

DALLAS DISTRICT—W. C. Rose, District Elder, 195 Cedar Spring street, Dallas, Texas.

Dallas.....George McCulloch, 197 McKinnon street, Dallas, Texas
Orphan's Home.....H. A. Hanson, " " " " "
Ennis and Muirhead.....J. L. Wyche, Ennis, "
Ft. Worth.....W. M. Adams, R. F. D. No. 3, Arlington, "
Paradise and Hopewell.....L. P. Morris, Paradise, "
Collinsville.....To be supplied
Oak Circuit.....S. H. Owens, Oak, R. R., Texas
Ingles' Chapel.....J. R. Crouch, supply, Grandview, "
Abilene.....J. F. Hendricks, Hodges, "

J. G. Adams, evangelist, Station A., Ft. Worth, Texas; L. D. Wright, conference missionary, Byron, Texas. The quarterly conference relation of W. C. Rose was fixed on the Dallas district.

†Ordained this year.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—W. C. Rose, District Elder.

San Antonio and San Marcos.....W. H. Winters, 107 Shearer street, San Antonio, Texas
Rockdale.....C. C. Schultz, supply, Tracy, "

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—R. A. Thompson, District Elder.

Greenville, Campbell, Humboldt and Alba.....L. A. Miller, Greenville, "
Rockwall Circuit.....M. L. Lancaster, Rockwall, "
Terrell, Lawrence and Bachelor.....C. A. Perkins, supply, Terrell, "
Rodda and Van Circuit.....S. F. Worley, Rodda, "
Quinlan, Mexico, Gosset and Newton's Ranch.....R. E. Fletcher, Quinlan, "
Big Sandy, Pine Mills and Quitman.....Ben F. Harris, Big Sandy, "
Bagwell Circuit.....M. M. Lowry, Bagwell, "

J. B. McBride, evangelist. R. A. Thompson's quarterly conference relation was fixed on Greenville district.

NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT—R. A. Thompson, District Elder.

Nacogdoches, Appleby and Canaan ..... R. G. Swanson, Nacogdoches, Texas
Zavalla and Homer circuit.....A. B. Harrell, Zavalla, "
Bronson, Edgar's Chapel and Sharpsville.....T. J. Jacks, Bronson, "
McClellan circuit.....W. H. Lathrop

LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

Warren Parker.....Corsicana, Texas
J. N. Whitehead.....Ripley, Mississippi
George Anderson..... Cleburne, Texas
L. A. Ellis.....Dallas, Texas
Isaac Durham.....
C. B. Anderson.....San Antonio, "
J. R. Wilson.....Melrose, Texas

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

W. B. Hill .....Dallas, Texas
Ada Edwards .....Dallas, "
A. A. Dubose.....Zavalla, "
W. S. Hill.....Tyler, "
J. F. Anderson. .....Greenville, "
John Gray .....Pilot Point, "
G. R. Williams.....Bagwell, "
A. E. Hallmark.....Oak, "
Pearl Foote....Lavon, R. R. No. 3, "
C. H. Scott, Pipe Creek, Hodges Post Box, Texas.
C. E. Rose.....Dallas, Texas
L. P. Coffman.....Springtown, "
J. E. Stone.....Zavalla, "
F. M. Jackson.....Long, "
T. J. Kinningham.....Greenville, "
W. D. McGraw.....Colmesneil, "
W. A. Nash.....Joy, Oklahoma
Mrs. M. J. Peppers.....Ennis, Texas
Almira Adams, Arlington, R. R. No. 3, "
M. W. Burgess..... Penial, "
Mrs. M. L. Lamm .....
Henry Lewis.....Penial, Texas

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $165.30.
General Missions.—Assessed and paid, $82.65.
General Superintendents' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $99.18.
Church Extension.—Assessed and paid, $55.10.
Conference Missions.—Assessed and paid, $41.50.
Appropriated as follows: L. A. Miller, $10; T. J. Jacks, $6.50; R. G. Swanson, $10; W. H. Winters, $5; M. L. Lancaster, $5; W. H. Lathrop, $5. Total, $41.50.

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DALLAS, SAN ANTONIO, GREENVILLE AND NACOGDOCHES DISTRICTS

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DALLAS DISTRICT	W. C. Rose, District Elder																	
Dallas	R. A. Thompson	51	3	54	4	2	1	10	85	4	$ 13 50	$ 8 10	$ 6 75	$ 6 75	$ 4 50	.....	$ 1 80	$ 29 00
Ennis	W. H. Lathrop	25	..	25	1	1	2	8	60	7	9 00	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Oak and Ingle Chapel	S. H. Owens	54	2	56	2	..	1	6	40	2	20 40	12 24	10 20	10 20	6 80	.....	3 55	.....
Ft. Worth and Paradise	W. M. Adams	69	5	74	3	1	2	12	80	4	30 10	12 06	10 05	10 05	6 70	.....	.....	.....
Collinsville	Joe Crouch	15	...	15	1	..	..	....	....	1	3 90	2 10	1 80	1 80	1 20	.....	.....	.....
Abilene	J. F. Hendricks	6	..	6	..	..	..	....	....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT	W. C. Rose, District Elder																	
San Antonio and San Marcos	W. H. Winters	20	2	22	2	..	2	10	58	5	4 80	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	.....	1 50	.....
Rockdale	C. C. Shulz, supply	3	...	3	1	..	..	....	....	2	90	54	45	45	30	.....	3 00	.....
GREENVILLE DISTRICT	M. L. Lancaster, Dist. Elder																	
Greenville	George McCulloch	33	2	35	4	2	1	6	30	3	9 00	5 40	3 00	4 50	3 00	.....	.....	29 16
Lawrence and Bachelor	R. G. Swanson	43	..	43	1	..	2	12	50	5	11 70	7 02	5 85	5 85	3 90	.....	.....	.....
Rockwall circuit	J. B. McBride	51	..	51	..	1	2	9	70	5	18 00	10 80	2 65	3 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....
Terrell	L. A. Miller	27	..	27	2	1	1	5	35	4	7 50	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Quinlan, Alba and Humboldt	.....	40	...	40	3	..	..	....	....	2	3 60	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	.....	1 00	.....
Canton Circuit	L. P. Morris	30	1	31	4	..	1	3	30	2	5 40	2 24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sulphur Springs and Winsboro	B. F. Harris	17	...	17	3	1	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Quitman and Forest Hill	H. A. Hanson	20	4	24	2		..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Sandy	.....	12	...	12	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT	M. L. Lancaster, Dist. Elder																	
McClellan and Sharpsville	T. J. Jacks	25	...	25	..	..	2	7	35	3	3 90	2 24	1 95	1 95	1 36	.....	.....	.....
Zavalla circuit	J. L. Wyche	38	5	43	3	..	1	3	40	2	5 60	5 76	2 30	3 80	3 20	...	.....	.....
Nacogdoches circuit	R. E. Fletcher	33	1	34	2	..	..	....	....	6	10 20	6 12	.....	1 50	93	.....	.....	.....
Homer and Peachtree	W. L. Delamar, supply	16	...	16	1	..	1	5	30	1	42	4 68	3 90	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	628	25	653	39	9	19	96	643	60	$ 157 92	$ 94 24	$ 61 35	$ 63 30	$ 47 19	.....	$ 10 85	$ 58 16

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DALLAS DISTRICT											
Dallas	.....	.....	$ 44 00	.....	$ 325 00	$ 79 50	.....	1	$ 1200	1	$ 700
Ennis	.....	.....	20 00	.....	359 00	60 00	$ 50 00	2	1700	1	800
Oak and Ingle Chapel	.....	.....	8 40	.....	368 35	87 10	.....	2	1000	1	250
Ft. Worth and Paradise	.....	$ 1 70	13 00	$ 3 80	240 21	52 00	20 00	1	400	1	300
Collinsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 00	25 30	6 65	..	.....	..	.....
Abilene	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	37 65	17 65	..	.....	..	.....
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT											
San Antonio and San Marcos	.....	.....	38 42	.....	340 00	39 60	.....	1	1000	1	1000
Rockdale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
GREENVILLE DISTRICT											
Greenville	$ 1 00	.....	20 50	.....	100 00	59 15	10 00	1	800	..	.....
Lawrence and Bachelor	.....	.....	23 84	.....	242 80	34 15	22 65	1	500	1	200
Rockwall circuit	1 00	2 25	15 00	.....	226 00	45 55	.....	1	1000	1	500
Terrell	.....	.....	10 00	.....	223 50	29 70	.....	1	1000	1	500
Quinlan, Alba and Humboldt	.....	.....	.....	.....	146 50	21 80	10 00	1	200	1	300
Canton circuit	.....	.....	7 00	.....	38 20	15 20	10 00	1	300	..	.....
Sulphur Springs and Winsboro	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 55	2 50	50 00	..	.....	..	.....
Quitman and Forest Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	25 00	..	.....	..	.....
Big Sandy	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	5 75	13 00	..	.....	..	.....
NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT											
McClelland and Sharpsville	.....	.....	8 50	.....	88 95	25 65	60 00	1	300	..	.....
Zavalla circuit	.....	.....	5 20	.....	80 50	45 00	.....	1	600	..	.....
Nacogdoches	.....	.....	.....	.....	159 15	58 25	30 00	2	1350	1	400
Homer and Peachtree	.....	.....	10 00	.....	150 00	14 80	25 00	..	.....	..	.....
Total	$ 2 00	$ 3 95	$ 223 86	$ 3 80	$3410 71	$ 760 65	$ 349 95	17	$ 11350	10	$ 4950

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-second Annual Session, held at Armstrong, Iowa, September 9-13, 1903

OFFICERS

A. L. WHITCOMB, *President.*

H. L. TENNEY, *Secretary.*
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COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—A. L. Whitcomb, G. P. Wilson, William Baldwin.
On State of the Work—G. P. Wilson, M. L. Schooley, William Hiatt.
On Reforms—G. P. Wilson, John Sutton, J. K. Webb.
On Sunday-schools—J. K. Webb, Levi Sutton, Emma Wade.
On Education—M. L. Schooley, August Schomburg, Clara Russel.
On Publications—H. O. Radford, J. A. Arnett, A. A. Miller.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—G. S. Phillips, M. L. Schooley, J. K. Webb.
On Memoirs—G. P. Wilson, H. O. Radford, William Baldwin.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—G. S. Phillips.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—B. Y. Neal.
On Sunday-schools—P. S. Shoemaker.
On Education—H. O. Radford.
On Publications—G. S. Phillips.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. O. Radford, for three years; M. L. Schooley, for two years; G. P. Wilson, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

G. P. Wilson, P. O. Cole, M. L. Schooley, H. O. Radford, C. W. Sutton.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

G. P. Wilson, B. Y. Neal, P. O. Cole, M. L. Schooley, H. O. Radford, Walter Wheeler.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. M. Damon,
O. W. Sutton,
C. W. Howe,
A. C. Damon,
J. L. Kent,
B. Y. Neal,
G. P. Wilson,
G. S. Phillips,
G. H. Agnew,
J. M. Cook,
H. W. Miller,
H. L. Tenney.
William Baldwin,
Cyrus Cook,
J. L. Phillips,
J. K. Webb,
E. E. Jones,
J. H. Potts,
J. B. Newville,
M. L. Schooley,
H. O. Radford,
P. S. Shoemaker,

DELEGATES

August Schomburg,
William Hiatt,
Daniel McPhail,
John Sutton,
J. A. Arnett,
Joseph Noble,
Emma Wade,
A. A. Miller,
John Hanson,
Levi Sutton,
Clara Russell,
Clarence Capener.

2. Who are the stationing committee? A. L. Whitcomb, G. P. Wilson, John Hanson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. W. McPeek.

4. Who remain on trial? A. G. Morgan.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. L. Tenney.

6. Who are the deacons? J. L. Kent, C. W. Sutton, J. K. Webb, A. C. Damon, J. L. Phillips, of the first class. E. E. Jones, H. W. Miller, H. L. Tenney, of the second class. John Sutton (local).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? J. M. Cook, J. L. Phillips.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. C. Damon, G. P. Wilson, J. H. Potts.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. W. Howe, C. M. Damon, Cyrus Cook, J. K. Webb.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? B. Y. Neal, from the Central Illinois conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? William Baldwin, E. E. Jones.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? G. H. Agnew.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical report.

21. See report of committee on Claims and Claimants.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? A committee, consisting of M. L. Schooley and one member elected from each district at the first session of each quarterly conference, is to decide the place; the time to be as near September 11, 1904, as will suit the pleasure of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-second session of our conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Armstrong, Iowa, September 9-13, Rev. A. L. Whitcomb presiding, in the absence of General Superintendent W. T. Hogue. A number pronounced this the best conference they ever attended.

The presence of Brother Whitcomb was a great uplift to us. His efficient and impartial despatch of the business of the conference, his timely addresses, and inspiring pulpit discourses were greatly appreciated. Miss Emma Appling, missionary to India, was present, and represented the needs of the foreign field. The sum of $137.20 was raised for this department of the Lord's work, in cash and subscriptions.

S. E. Cooper, principal of Wessington Springs Seminary, presented the interests of that worthy institution, and raised in cash and subscriptions, $150. He also looked after the business of the publishing house.

Fifteen dollars and forty-eight cents was raised for the pastor, William Baldwin; $12.10 for Rev. J. K. Webb; $21.49 to meet a deficit in the conference claims; $22.10 to publish the Minutes; and $1.77 for the secretaries.

H. L. Tenney and John Sutton were ordained deacons Sunday afternoon.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reorganized with the following officers: President, Mrs. H. O. Radford; vice president, Mrs. J. K. Webb; corresponding and cording secretary, Mrs. P. S. Shoemaker; treasurer, Miss Ada Hall.

Memorial services were held Saturday at 10:15 a. m. for G. H. Agnew, our missionary to Africa. Brief addresses were made, bearing testimony to the excellence of character of the deceased.

The order of conference collections is as follows: First quarter, General Missions; second quarter, Home Missions and Church Extension; third quarter, General Superintendents'; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants'. Assessment for Home Missions, fifteen cents per member.

APPOINTMENTS

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT—M. L. Schooley, District Elder, Plymouth, Iowa.

Plymouth and Lime Creek.....H. O. Radford, Plymouth, Iowa
Mason City.....P. S. Shoemaker, 314 West Miller street, Mason City, "
Riceville, Round Grove, etc.....C. W. Sutton, Riceville, "
Bonair, Oakdale, etc.....H. W. Miller, Bonair, "
Glenville and Lansing.....To be supplied
Osage.....To be supplied
Hayfield and Durant's schoolhouse.....To be supplied

C. M. Damon, Orleans, Nebraska, C. W. Howe, Corinth, New York, J. K. Webb, Boyden, Iowa, superannuated; G P. Wilson, Mason City, Iowa, supernumerary; J. B. Newville, McHenry, North Dakota, left without appointment; J. L. Phillips, Weyerhauser, Wisconsin, located at his own request; A. G. Morgan, Glenville, Minnesota, left without appointment.

ALGONA DISTRICT—M. L. Schooley, District Elder.

Algona and Eagle Grove.....H. L. Tenney, Algona, Iowa
Armstrong and East Chain Lake.....William Hiatt, supply, Armstrong, "
Estherville and Ceylon.....John Sutton, supply, Estherville, "
Spencer and Capener schoolhouse.....To be supplied
Peterson, Douglas Center and Maple Grove.....J. L. Kent, Peterson, Iowa

William Baldwin, Montford, Wisconsin, E. E. Jones, Brainerd, Minnesota, granted certificates of standing with view to transfer; Cyrus Cook, Wessington Springs, South Dakota, superannuated; J. M. Cook, Wessington Springs, South Dakota, located at his own request; John H. Potts, Spencer, Iowa, supernumerary.

WINNEBAGO DISTRICT—M. L. Schooley, District Elder.

Elmore.....To be supplied
Winnebago City, Pleasant View, etc....J. W. McPeek, supply, Winnebago City, Minnesota
Mapleton, Mineral Springs, etc.....George S. Phillips, St. Clair, "

A. C. Damon, supernumerary, Burlington, Iowa.

ST. PAUL DISTRICT—M. L. Schooley, District Elder.

Minneapolis and St. Paul.....B. Y. Neal, 1891 University avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota
St. Paul (Scandinavian)..Ole S. Roland, supply, 116 E. Magnolia street, St. Paul, "

EVANGELISTS

*Minnie A. Shoemaker....314 West Miller street, Mason City, Iowa.
Mrs. Grace Damon.....Burlington, Iowa
Miss Ada Hall.....Riceville, "
*Mrs. Lucy Ray Sutton....Winnebago City, Minnesota.
Mrs. Mary Howard, Winnebago City, Minnesota.

LOCAL PREACHERS

J. O. Sutton..Winnebago City, Minnesota
Samuel Ham.....St. Clair, "
Kelsey Loveall, Winnebago City, Minnesota
Luther M. Cook.....Bonair, Iowa

*Licensed by annual conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

Amount necessary to pay claimants for next year: Cyrus Cook, $150: Mary C. Wolcott, $80; C. W. Howe, $50; Mary E. Sumner, $50; Maria L. Cain, $70; E. H. Tenney's child, $30; J. K. Webb, $25. Total, $455.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.—Assessed, $91.80.
Paid, $86.28; deficit, $5.52. Total, $91.80.
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' FUND.—Assessed, $55.08.
Paid, $50.74; deficit, $4.34. Total, $55.08.
GENERAL MISSIONS.—Assessed, $45.90.
Paid, $41.99; deficit, $3.91. Total, $45.90.
CHURCH EXTENSION.—Assessed, $30.60.
Paid, $25.12; deficit, $5.48. Total, $30.60.
Total deficit, $19.25, which was provided for.

II.—ON MEMOIRS.

REV. G. HARRY AGNEW.—To this conference was granted the special honor of having enrolled in its ranks the Rev. G. Harry Agnew, our lately deceased missionary to Africa. It was within the bounds of our conference that he first became identified with the Free Methodist church, and his name has appeared for a great number of years in the Minutes and upon the rolls of our sessions. But he is no more with us; and it is our sad duty to chronicle his death, but a happy task to drop a loving tribute to his memory.

Rev. G. Harry Agnew was born in Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland, in the year 1864 or 1865. When ten years of age he was clearly converted to God, one afternoon in the schoolroom, through the influence and counsel of a godly fellow-student, and the efforts of an older sister who had recently found the Lord. He was baptized and united with the Plymouth Brethren. At eleven years of age he was bound out as an apprentice in the dry-goods business, in which capacity he served for five years, the last two years filling the position of book-keeper. As an apprentice he was expected and required to practice the art of deception, which he at first refused to do; but at last, overcome by the pressure, he became, as he has said, "As big a deceiver as the rest." He gave up his profession of religion, and was for several years in a backslidden state, but was during all that time in distress of soul. He was reclaimed in meetings held by the Salvation Army, in the city of Londonderry, where he had gone to accept employment as a book-keeper. Having a desire to visit the New World, through the assistance of the first mate of the bark, Cynthia, who had been converted in the same meetings, he embarked as a stowaway. After a voyage attended with much suffering, hardship and exposure, he landed at New Brunswick, going from there to Boston, and later to New York. He finally brought up at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he secured a position as book-keeper with a clothing house, whose proprietor was a Jew. He served in this capacity, with much delight to himself, and eminent satisfaction to the firm, until called by the church to go as a missionary to Africa.

Shortly after settling in St. Paul he became acquainted with the Free Methodists and was invited to attend a camp-meeting at Hebron, Minnesota, which he did, and cast in his lot with this people. He sought the experience of holiness at this meeting but did not fully enter in, until the year 1890, while on a visit back to this country. In 1884 he was appointed by the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference to supply the work in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

In 1885 he, with Robert Shemeld and wife, and W. W. Kelley, formed the first missionary band sent out by the missionary board to the dark continent. The story of his life would make a book. For eighteen years he met the toils and experiences incident to missionary enterprise. At times he was compelled to labor on alone until reinforcements arrived. Two visits were made back to America, one in 1889, due to an injury to his eyes, caused by the explosion of a gun, the last in the fall of 1894. In February, 1895, he was united in marriage to Miss Susie Sherman, missionary at Fairview Mission station, but in the following December he was called to lay her away to rest. Something over a year after this bereavement he was married to Miss Lillie Smith, who had been sent to Africa as an independent faith missionary.

Brother and Sister Agnew were expected to start for America about the time news reached us of his death, which occurred March 9, 1903, and his presence at the forthcoming general conference had been anticipated with pleasure. But God ordered otherwise, for our brother had gone to be where wearying toil, privation, hardship, suffering and death are unknown, and where disappointment and pain and sorrow never come, but where the happy worker enters into the "well done" of his Lord.

Brother Agnew was admitted on trial into this conference in 1889, and elected to dea-

con's and elder's orders under the clause governing the case of missionaries. He was received into full connection in 1895.

"In the death of Brother Agnew the last of our pioneer missionaries to Africa, who remained at his post, and continued faithful to the church, has fallen, and fallen in the midst of his years, and in the most promising part of his career. He had wrought long and hard for the redemption of the dark-skinned tribes of Africa, and his labors had borne much fruit. But much as he had accomplished, he seemed at the threshold of wider opportunity, and greater achievement, and high were the hopes of the church concerning the future of his work on the foreign field—hopes which have forever been disappointed except so far as he will continue to live in the influence of his finished work, and in the inspiration for missionary toil and sacrifice, which his life and death will henceforth awaken, and make operative in other lives for the redemption of heathen lands."

III.—ON STATE OF THE WORK.

What shall we say? We desire to neither under-rate nor over-estimate conditions as they exist. It is evident to all that the state of the work is not in as flourishing a condition as we desire, or should be. There is great need of a genuine revival of religion—a revival that not only constrains people to shout, and be happy, but also inspires to loving, benevolent living, whose chief characteristics are not that of iconoclasts, but that of loving, obedient, liberal, benevolent "followers of God as dear children."

To this end preachers who accept work from the conference must be consecrated to study, visit, and preach, as devotedly and persistently as does the intelligent, persistent man of affairs in pushing his business to a successful issue. And the membership of the church must be as fully devoted and consecrated to do its part in labor and support of the work and ministry. While the ministry is sometimes found wanting in aggressiveness, in visiting and laboring among the people, the church is sometimes found wanting, and hinders and paralyzes the work, through its covetousness and selfishness. We know there are devoted, faithful ones in the ministry, and devoted and liberal members of the church, but too often members do not honor God with their substance, but rob him in tithes and offerings; and the blessing is withheld. The obedient, the inhabitants of the Rock, have a right to shout, and it is a goodly, joyful sound. But let not the disobedient, the covetous, the selfish robber of God in tithes and offerings, endeavor to fill up the measure of obligation with large claims and much noise. The people see through it in time, and the church and its claims are discredited. Honest, benevolent, upright, individual members may command confidence, and respectful, serious consideration of moral obligations, while the church, as such, is without influence and power. A church that is not to the front in helpfulness and benevolent activities, can have and exert no permanent power and influence for good in any community in this day and age. Abstract holiness carries no weight, and commands no reverence, with intelligent people in an enlightened age. God might have told and testified of his love with the voice of an archangel for ten thousand ages and we should never have known or believed it, had he not given us "fruitful seasons," crowning all with the earthly life and death of Christ. "Hereby perceive we the love of God because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shut up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" Then the apostle goes on to say, "Little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth. Hereby do we know we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him."

Our most vociferous claim and testimonies will not convince the world unless it has the hearty, deep-toned richness born of genuine, unselfish love. Both ministry and membership of the church must get immeasurably beyond love of what is sometimes termed, "our issues," and of the Free Methodist church; and into the place where we are swallowed up in the love of God and man, and then victory and success will be ours.

If these faults in ministry and people are remedied, we may look for a gracious and widespread revival. Our mission is to spread scriptural holiness through the land. Scriptural holiness, mind you. We are not a reform association, but a branch of the visible church of Jesus Christ.

IV.—ON REFORMS.

While the Free Methodist church is not a reform association, but rather a church whose mission is vastly more comprehensive and far-reaching; comprehending in its results all reformation of life and character; that is, the spreading of scriptural holiness throughout the land. Yet, to be true to our mission we must bear our testimony against wrong and for the right. Sin in its operation and manifestation may be individual and corporate. In the individual drunkard, libertine and debauche, or drunkard makers, houses of prostitution and syndicates of debaucheries, sin is one and the same. Hence while the drunkard shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven, neither fornicators nor adulterers, we are persuaded that drunkard makers and all those who as official or private citizens countenance or further these nefarious crimes are reckoned in the one class. Prohibition should be our motto. We should demand the annihilation of the liquor traffic and kindred evils.

We reaffirm our position in regard to oath-bound secret societies, believing them to be subversive and destructive of spirituality, and vital godliness; and believe that Jesuitism, Masonry and Mormonism are a trinity of evils, representing the evils of the secret system.

We are also persuaded of the importance of maintaining scriptural simplicity in apparel, equipage and manner of living. That the use of tobacco is injurious to health, is unclean, and uncongenial to Christian character and calling.

While we entertain nothing but good will toward our fellow travelers to the eternal years, the adherents of the Roman Catholic church, we must bear testimony against the un-Christian character and pagan worship of that institution. The papacy is undoubtedly the "man of sin," and while there is not much left of its old-time power, it still retains its "great mouth," speaking great, swelling words of blasphemy. But God is consuming it with the breath of his mouth, and will shortly destroy it with the brightness of his coming."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT											
Plymouth and Lime Creek			$ 36 68		$ 336 25	$ 34 83	$ 25 00	2	$ 2000	1	$ 1000
Mason City			40 00		575 00	50 00		1	1300	1	1800
Hayfield and Durant schoolhouse					38 00			1	1000		
Osage											
Glenville, Lansing, etc			6 00		107 00	28 48		1	1000	1	500
Riceville, Round Grove, etc			30 00		471 75	76 00		1	1750	1	1000
Bonair, Oakdale, etc			6 62		248 65	25 57		1	1000	1	500
Culver and Owen Center											
ST. PAUL DISTRICT											
Minneapolis and St. Paul					175 00	16 67	10 00				
St. Paul (Scandinavian)			5 00		50 00	23 00	75 00				
WINNEBAGO DISTRICT											
Winnebago City, Pleasant View, etc			11 63		151 01	70 71		1	1000	1	500
Mapleton, Bradley, White schoolhouse and Young schoolhouse			30 00	$ 2 00	285 00	34 46				1	700
Lake Crystal and Hebron						6 00					
Elmore			12 00		165 00	30 00		1	1000	1	500
ALGONA DISTRICT											
Algona and Eagle Grove			3 00		210 61	26 00	10 00	1	1350	1	750
Estherville and Ceylon	$ 50	$ 50	8 22		57 36	13 15	11 50	1	3000		
Armstrong and East Chain Lakes			11 00		253 70	40 00		1	1000	1	900
Spencer, Capener S. H., Ruthven			15 68	55	306 15	50 49				1	1000
Peterson, Maple Grove and Douglas Center			2 85		261 10	25 95	11 00	2	1800	1	550
Total	$ 50	$ 50	$ 228 68	$ 2 55	$3691 58	$ 553 31	$ 142 50	14	$ 17200	12	$ 9700

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

PLYMOUTH, ST. PAUL, WINNEBAGO, AND ALGONA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
PLYMOUTH DISTRICT	G. P. Wilson, District Elder																	
Plymouth and Lime Creek	H. O. Bradford	32	...	32	..	..	2	10	50	12	$ 10 20	$ 6 12	$ 2 00	$ 5 10	$ 1 22	.....	$ 11 31	.....
Mason City	P. S. Shoemaker	34	2	36	..	1	1	10	125	10	9 60	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	.....	.....	.....
Hayfield and Durant schoolhouse	C. W. Sutton, supply	8	..	8	..	..	..	....	..	....	2 10	1 26	1 05	1 05	70	.....	.....	.....
Osage	Supplied	2	...	2	..	..	..	....	....	1	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glenville, Lansing, etc	A. G. Morgan	8	...	8	..	..	1	4	15	10	1 08	1 32	.....	1 20	80	.....	.....	.....
Riceville, Round Grove, etc	J. K. Webb	30	...	30		..	2	13	60	10	9 60	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	.....	8 00	$ 15 00
Bonair, Oak Grove, etc	H. W. Miller	21	3	24	1	..	1	5	15	7	6 30	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Culver and Owen Center	Supplied	6	...	6	..	..	..	....	....	2	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ST. PAUL DISTRICT	G. P. Wilson, District Elder																	
Minneapolis and St. Paul	B. Y. Neal, supply	12	3	15	..	1	..	....	....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 73	.....
St. Paul (Scandinavian)	Ole S. Rolland, supply	11	...	11	1	1	1	3	15	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
WINNEBAGO DISTRICT	G. P. Wilson, District Elder																	
Winnebago City, Pleasant View, etc	Lucy M. Ray Sutton, supply	39	..	39	3	2	1	6	39	6	11 00	6 66	2 11	5 54	3 70	.....	.....	.....
Mapleton, Bradley, White schoolhouse and Young schoolhouse	G. S. Phillips	18	1	19	..	..	3	18	92	7	6 00	3 60	.....	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Lake Crystal and Hebron	Supplied	1	..	1	..	..		....	....	3	2 31	64	.....	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elmore	C. W. Sutton	10	1	11	..	..	1	5	20	3	2 70	1 62	1 35	1 35	90	.....	.....	.....
ALGONA DISTRICT	G. P. Wilson, District Elder																	
Algona and Eagle Grove	H. L. Tenney	7	3	10		..	..	....	....	3	3 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	.....	1 00	.....
Estherville and Ceylon	John Sutton	13	1	14	1	..	1	3	12	4	3 00	1 88	1 50	1 50	1 00	.....	4 05	.....
Armstrong and East Chain Lakes	William Baldwin	17	2	19	1	..	1	7	30	6	5 70	3 42	2 85	2 85	1 90	.....	.....	.....
Spencer, Capener S. H. and Ruthven	J. H. Potts	19	1	20	..	..	2	12	50	9	6 60	3 96	2 10	3 30	2 20	.....	.....	.....
Peterson, Maple Grove, Douglas Center	E. E. Jones	16	..	16	1	..	1	4	31	5	3 99	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	.....	3 10	.....
Raised by collection, excess general delegates' expenses and last year's surplus		....	...	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	5 52	4 34	10 47	3 91	5 48	.....	.....	.....
Total		304	17	321	8	5	18	100	554	104	$ 91 80	$ 55 08	$ 39 48	$ 45 90	$ 30 60	.....	$ 39 19	$ 15 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-first Annual Session, held at Beaver Dam, near Wesson, Mississippi, November 4-7, 1903

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President.*

S. C. SHAW, *Secretary.* DAVID DAY, *Treasurer.*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Frazier Scott, R. F. Crawford.
To Publish the Minutes—David Day.
On Reforms—R. F. Crawford, Duncan Short.
On Sabbath-schools—S. C. Shaw, Mattie Franklin.
To Receive Conference Collections—David Day.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—P. C. Kenton.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—David Day, S. C. Shaw.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

David Day, president; S. C. Shaw, secretary; R. F. Crawford, treasurer; P. C. Kenton, W. B. Newman

BOARD OF CONFERENCE EXAMINERS.

David Day.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

N. J. Roark, A. J. McKeithen, David Day, J. C. Pierce, Frazier Scott, P. C. Kenton.

DELEGATES

R. F. Crawford, Mattie Franklin, S. C. Shaw, J. H. Gallender.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, David Day, J. H Gallender.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? S. C. Shaw, W. B. Newman.

4. Who remain on trial? W. Whittington.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? P. C. Kenton, *S. C. Shaw.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Frazier Scott.

8. Who have located this year? J. C. Pierce.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. J. McKeithen, W. Whittington.

10, 11, 12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

16–23. See reports and statistics.

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*Local deacons.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Kenton Chapel, Louisiana, as near the last week in October, 1904, as consistent with the plans of the general superintendents.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-first session of the Louisiana conference convened in the Free Methodist church at Beaver Dam, Mississippi. General Superintendent Walter A. Sellew presided in his usual able, loving way. He preached five times and gave four or five talks, all very clear and timely. He preached with much power and liberty and made a good impression on all who heard him. There were four sittings of the conference. A spirit of brotherly love and unity prevailed throughout.

W. B. Newman and S. C. Shaw were received on trial in the conference. F. Scott was ordained elder and S. C. Shaw was ordained deacon.

The attendance was good and a number were forward for prayers. The good people of Beaver Dam entertained the conference well and we believe good will come yet.

APPOINTMENTS

WELCOME HOME DISTRICT—David Day, District Elder, Winnsboro, Louisiana.

Franklin circuit.....P. C. Kenton, Winnsboro, Louisiana
Welcome Home and Summerville.....Duncan Short, supply
Black River and Big Island.....N. J. Roark, Aimwell, Louisiana
J. C. Pierce, granted a certificate of location; W. Whittington, supernumerary.

WESSON DISTRICT—David Day, District Elder.

Jackson, Wesson and Hazelhurst...S. C. Shaw, 404½ South Congress, Jackson, Mississippi
Beaver Dam, Beasley Chapel and Newhope.....Frazier Scott, Georgetown, "
McHenry.....To be supplied
A. J. McKeithen, supernumerary.

CASCILLA DISTRICT—David Day, District Elder.

Stonefield circuit.....W. B. Newman, Rosebloom, Mississippi

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCE.

Conference Claimants' Fund.—Assessed and paid, $36.90.
General Superintendents' Salaries.—Assessed and paid, $22.14.
General Missions.—Assessed and paid, $18.45.
Church Extension.—Assessed and paid, $12.30.
Conference Missions.—Raised, $15.75.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT	David Day, District Elder																	
Welcome Home and Summerville	N. J. Roark	23	..	23	..	..	..	....	....	3	$ 6 00	$ 3 60	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	.....	.....	.....
Franklin circuit	P. C. Kenton	31	18	49	1	..	1	5	20	2	8 40	5 04	3 15	4 20	2 80	.....	.....	.....
Black River and Big Island	W. Whittington	16	5	21	..	1	2	6	40	3	6 90	4 14	1 80	3 45	2 30	.....	.....	.....
WESSON DISTRICT	David Day, District Elder																	
Hazelhurst, Wesson, Beasl'y Chapel, etc	Frazier Scott	35	..	35	3	1	2	6	35	3	10 50	6 30	5 25	5 25	3 50	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	David Day	8	2	10	1	1	..	....	....	1	1 80	1 08	90	90	60	.....	.....	.....
McHenry	David Day	3	..	3	..	..	..	....	....	....	30	18	15	15	10	.....	.....	.....
CASCILLA DISTRICT	David Day, District Elder																	
*Stonefield Circuit	W. B. Newman, supply	15	10	25	2	..	1	3	15	2	3 00	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	131	35	166	7	3	6	20	110	14	$ 36 90	$ 22 14	$ 15 75	$ 18 45	$ 12 30		.....	

* Raised on Stonefield circuit for new church, $75.

CHARGE	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
WELCOME HOME DISTRICT											
Welcome Home and Summerville	....	....	.....	....	$ 16 45	$ 16 95	.....	3	$ 240	1	$ 25
Franklin circuit	.....	.....	.....	....	176 55	27 85	$ 30 00	..	.....	1	25
Black River and Big Island	...	...	$ 7 00		30 00	21 75	.....	2	450	..	.....
WESSON DISTRICT											
Hazelhurst, Wesson, Beasley Chapel and Newhope	.....	..	12 00	...	114 49	30 00	23 50	5	1600	..	.....
Jackson	....	.....	.....	....	.....	13 30	30 00	..	.....	..	.....
McHenry	.....	....	.....	....	.....	5 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
CASCILLA DISTRICT											
Stonefield circuit	.....	..	5 00	.....	39 20	31 40	20 00	..	.....	..	.....
Total	.....	.....	$ 24 00	....	$ 376 69	$ 146 25	$ 103 50	10	$ 2290	2	$ 50

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

ANNUAL MEETINGS, 1903

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCES

CONFERENCES	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday-Schools	Offic'rs & Teach'rs	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conf'rence Claimants' Fund	General Superintendents' Claim	Conference Missions Claim	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Delegates to Gen'l Conference
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	265	20	285	20	3	7	25	190	32	$ 16 50	$ 40 14	$ 2 00	$ 22 00	$ 9 00	$ 13 75
California	263	55	318	8	6	13	81	430	79	76 80	46 08	76 50	38 40	25 60	38 40
Central Illinois	1476	126	1602	23	21	53	343	2037	267	444 87	256 73	139 00	207 45	140 75	.....
Colorado	330	61	391	15	14	13	93	636	90	102 00	61 20	62 00	51 00	34 00	3 00
Columbia River	191	29	220	7	5	13	73	393	61	57 90	34 74	48 25	28 95	19 30	28 95
East Michigan	1728	249	1977	34	19	83	592	3199	279	492 67	293 23	266 31	258 10	146 99	.....
East Ontario	595	81	676	17	4	22	111	736	100	174 60	104 87	143 85	87 15	58 40	83
Genesee	1512	238	1750	26	9	51	390	2155	384	440 22	256 84	280 75	217 75	124 78	.....
Illinois	1001	122	1123	19	23	38	280	1776	313	303 90	182 14	191 78	151 10	99 32	135 11
Iowa	741	41	782	25	13	35	187	975	154	299 80	135 25	103 64	107 20	52 70	.....
Kansas	793	109	902	34	18	40	225	1145	212	223 20	138 37	61 42	103 78	68 82	5 05
Kentucky and Tennessee	202	4	206	9	6	6	27	185	11	2 50	34 02	.....	23 16	18 90	27 24
Louisiana	131	35	166	7	3	6	20	110	14	36 90	22 14	15 75	18 45	12 30	.....
Michigan	919	83	1002	15	5	26	180	978	170	268 30	160 14	138 05	129 30	79 56	.....
Minnesota and North Iowa	304	17	321	8	5	18	100	554	104	91 80	55 08	39 48	45 90	30 60	.....
Missouri	243	50	293	17	7	10	56	315	59	62 10	34 90	17 26	27 50	18 81	.....
Nebraska	403	63	466	11	13	24	110	570	130	83 82	68 00	61 11	54 20	34 78	.....
New York	1089	134	1223	36	8	37	198	1176	150	309 00	185 40	249 04	154 50	103 00	.....
North Dakota	156	15	171	2	4	8	45	256	43	27 80	22 50	24 75	18 90	12 60	22 47
North Indiana	374	38	412	16	9	17	122	650	59	108 30	64 98	53 86	54 15	36 10	4 75
North Michigan	1685	171	1856	49	17	74	470	2201	276	478 26	282 08	203 12	229 59	136 40	.....
North Minnesota	263	33	296	7	2	11	63	378	72	83 28	43 33	26 55	32 67	23 33	.....
Ohio	887	91	978	27	15	50	314	1441	209	258 53	150 65	60 21	100 06	77 55	.....
Oil City	1590	243	1833	33	29	72	172	2259	319	473 10	286 80	252 98	236 65	157 02	77 59
Oklahoma	664	91	755	18	6	18	96	525	120	94 50	56 40	41 06	46 10	31 85	.....
Oregon	416	42	458	28	6	18	87	449	93	116 40	69 84	26 51	58 20	29 62	35 99
Pittsburg	1266	241	1507	47	37	52	349	2204	249	342 65	205 79	225 45	179 45	114 00	.....
Platte River	415	77	492	14	16	18	115	497	122	122 70	73 62	45 12	61 35	40 90	7 94
Southern California	399	34	433	14	17	15	97	561	135	101 15	58 02	335 15	49 24	31 90	25 24
South Dakota	446	46	492	19	11	19	93	501	124	118 04	80 48	58 00	67 25	42 50	.....
Susquehanna	1361	174	1535	27	15	45	301	1653	231	382 85	227 99	242 11	175 00	107 93	.....
Texas	628	25	653	39	9	19	96	643	60	157 92	94 24	61 35	63 30	47 19	.....
Wabash	816	72	888	11	6	39	229	1165	173	230 62	109 68	79 21	85 60	71 53	.....
Washington	552	101	653	18	11	20	143	1020	150	140 14	85 08	111 00	68 25	50 70	69 26
West Iowa	580	74	654	11	9	29	174	764	167	179 48	103 70	76 74	90 60	48 68	.....
West Kansas	567	76	643	10	17	21	116	621	156	186 36	115 53	96 45	91 30	58 07	.....
West Ontario	619	116	735	18	15	27	143	808	127	170 98	102 22	83 45	85 90	57 40	74 75
Wisconsin	845	144	989	22	26	40	228	1228	183	288 55	143 27	91 96	112 02	71 34	30
Total	26728	3421	30149	655	459	1007	6544	38384	5587	$7548 49	$4485 47	$4091 22	$2431 47	$2224 22	$ 570 62

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCES—Continued

CONFERENCES	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sab'ath School Expenses	Raised for Tracts	Preachers' Receipts	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 1 00	.....	$ 2 20	$ 1 84	$ 33 44	$ 1 00	$ 470 28	$ 133 00	.....	4	$ 2200	1	$ 400
California	34 22	$ 278 03	6 60	12 50	258 20		4127 17	519 58	$ 163 26	10	13100	9	7450
Central Illinois	55 46	215 13	16 20	9 61	873 90	3 75	9201 59	1449 90	611 14	61	55600	19	11450
Colorado	81 31	321 45	1 50	13 48	319 62	10 60	3825 17	890 88	344 41	10	12900	11	5175
Columbia River	12 50	177 03	.....	.....	185 92	80	2473 54	307 63	60 55	7	5950	4	2000
East Michigan	231 91	297 88	23 96	31 26	1156 09	3 00	14095 39	1535 11	219 02	76	89125	39	16415
East Ontario	262 57	241 20	5 70	1 75	235 31	1 60	4674 62	1017 11	25 38	33	21775	7	4525
Genesee	107 65	652 56	20 03	42 49	1003 84	1 60	13870 49	1028 17	215 61	60	104250	31	41250
Illinois	315 87	759 08	40 23	23 47	1293 35	5 39	14025 07	1954 63	354 18	44	99600	29	45300
Iowa	62 49	95 52	4 50	11 03	519 08		7139 71	1040 53	396 22	36	38600	21	16150
Kansas	85 65	219 99	4 28	25 73	468 57	9 22	7950 47	1342 15	442 60	21	14265	24	11160
Kentucky and Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	384 82	139 14	165 98	11	6800	....	.....
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00		376 69	146 25	103 50	10	2290	1	50
Michigan	231 55	134 94	5 45	14 63	581 17	14 60	7930 69	1081 84	151 28	43	40500	18	15900
Minnesota and North Iowa	39 19	15 00	50	50	228 68	2 55	3691 58	553 31	142 50	14	17200	12	9700
Missouri	3 86	.....	3 35	2 55	97 61	4 70	1805 05	302 64	207 79	13	9700	13	4950
Nebraska	40 70	2 50	9 06	3 42	250 38	70	3338 45	956 27	222 30	17	16400	9	5900
New York	250 25	95 91	36 09	21 66	716 61	11 00	9533 54	1866 24	.....	32	80000	9	12125
North Dakota	54 29	134 79	.....	20 83	123 45	40	2751 85	502 53	87 07	4	3500	5	4000
North Indiana	47 71	88 03	6 50	9 65	319 48	3 00	4011 38	774 00	81 20	15	16300	9	4600
North Michigan	325 92	53 77	6 62	15 05	784 41	1 60	13801 76	1497 45	169 05	69	56475	37	17360
North Minnesota	38 39	55 83	1 40	6 18	149 34	35	2404 74	295 90	146 92	13	8800	9	4225
Ohio	157 33	283 89	12 13	12 26	691 40	7 75	8565 19	1389 10	208 57	49	47900	17	14900
Oil City	72 58	2009 03	15 71	25 67	1293 27	5 39	15821 94	2888 33	624 75	75	102300	23	21550
Oklahoma	48 85	76 40	9 20	21 85	216 03	1 60	2843 65	561 64	63 34	7	9087	5	1600
Oregon	14 75	292 20	1 15	50	180 75	.	2610 43	619 07	92 21	15	11000	7	4050
Pittsburg	153 48	2238 80	21 49	55 78	1738 60	14 93	16442 28	3480 99	592 34	48	104900	15	23300
Platte River	85 26	156 92	14 87	5 61	151 94	1 70	3101 90	740 56	85 20	13	6835	9	3700
Southern California	40 69	316 29	14 81	7 44	307 78	35	4654 52	751 28	418 49	13	20326	7	5550
South Dakota	67 50	207 45	5 77	7 76	227 79	3 92	3938 78	994 82	166 30	8	18000	12	9200
Susquehanna	178 61	779 71	29 09	38 41	822 43	3 74	14582 17	1752 14	231 92	48	89100	28	38000
Texas	10 85	58 16	2 00	3 95	223 86	3 80	3410 71	760 65	349 95	17	11350	10	4950
Wabash	55 68	114 35	14 76	20 92	473 63		5613 84	1018 95	669 74	50	42300	19	12953
Washington	191 26	758 08	16 46	8 02	766 82	7 90	6710 05	843 30	134 16	16	20400	12	9850
West Iowa	3 35	314 49	4 91	12 62	333 11	1 25	6472 52	1010 91	487 70	36	35700	22	15700
West Kansas	82 45	557 14	7 22	8 42	357 21	7 12	5801 83	853 12	313 09	20	15700	16	6329
West Ontario	55 42	598 24	.....	5 50	323 92	3 85	5617 17	923 26	49 89	28	26075	12	7650
Wisconsin	94 90	375 18	6 42	7 33	571 63	30	7746 29	1520 68	66 2 97	40	53600	13	10950
Total	$3594 45	12874 97	$ 370 16	$ 509 67	$ 18301 72	$129 46	$245817 32	$ 39443 08	$945 8 58	1086	$ 1328403	544	$ 430317

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W. A. SELLEW, term expires 1907,
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S. K. J. CHESBRO, term expires 1907,
E. P. HART, term expires 1911,
B. R. JONES, term expires 1911,
W. T. HOGUE, term expires 1911.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING.

Pursuant to a call made by Senior General Superintendent E. P. Hart, a meeting of the executive committee of the Free Methodist general conference, was held in the college chapel at Greenville, Illinois, at 7:30 a. m., Thursday, June 25, 1903.

The meeting was called to order by General Superintendent E. P. Hart, and prayer was offered by W. A. Sellew.

On motion E. P. Hart was elected president of the committee for the ensuing quadrennium, and W. A. Sellew was elected secretary.

The roll was called and the following persons answered to their names: E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, C. E. Harroun, Jr., F. H. Ashcraft, M. B. Miller, Thomas Sully, J. S. McCay, J. H. Porter, J. H. Moss.

On motion the salary of the editor of the FREE METHODIST was fixed at $800.00 per year, the rate of such salary to continue until the meeting of this committee in October next.

On motion the salary of the missionary secretary was fixed to remain as it has been until the meeting of this committee in October.

On motion the missionary secretary was authorized to employ such clerical help at his discretion as he may desire.

On motion it was ordered that we appoint an auditing committee, who shall audit the accounts of the publishing agents, and the treasurer, at our meeting in October next, and that they report on some one as an auditor for the quadrennium.

On motion W. A. Sellew, M. B. Miller and Thomas Sully were appointed such committee.

On motion W. T. Hogue and J. S. McGeary were elected additional corresponding editors of the FREE METHODIST.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion adjourned.

ANNUAL MEETING

FIRST SITTING

According to a call published in the FREE METHODIST, the executive committee of the Free Methodist church met at the Publishing House in Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday afternoon, October 13, 1903, at 2 p. m.

General Superintendent E. P. Hart called the committee to order and presided. The devotional exercises were conducted by the president, prayer being offered by F. H. Ashcraft.

The roll was called and each member answered to his name.

The committee proceeded to elect seven directors for the Free Methodist Publishing House. The following persons were elected: B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, F. H. Ashcraft, Thomas Sully, J. H. Porter, E. P. Hart.

J. A. Watson presented to the committee a matter regarding property which a party desired to leave to the Wabash conference, but as the Wabash conference is not incorporated, he asked the trustees of the general conference to consider the advisability of taking the property in trust for the Wabash conference.

As there are other cases of a similar nature coming before us for consideration, on

motion, a committee of three, consisting of W. T. Hogue, M. B. Miller and F. H. Ashcraft, was appointed to consider the matter and report at a later sitting.

The matter of granting permission to sell church property was taken up, and the following requests were considered:

1. The trustees and society at Pardeeville, Wisconsin, asked permission to sell their church building, the proceeds to be used in erecting or purchasing a church at the same place.

On motion the request was granted.

2. To sell property at Salt Lake City, Utah, the proceeds to be used in purchasing church property in a better location, in the same city, or to be turned over to the Colorado conference for their disposal.

On motion the request was granted.

3. A request from the official board, and the pastor at Weidman, Michigan, for permission to sell the parsonage lot, the proceeds to be used in purchasing a lot in a better location, on which they purpose to move their present parsonage building.

On motion the request was granted, provided the society vote to sell the lot.

4. Permission to sell parsonage property at Jamesburg, Illinois, the proceeds to apply on parsonage property on same circuit.

On motion the request was granted.

5. Parsonage property at Birds, Illinois, proceeds to be applied on parsonage property in same town.

On motion it was granted.

6. One vacant lot at Pine Village, Indiana, proceeds to be used in repairing the Free Methodist church at same place.

On motion the request was granted.

7. Harmony Chapel in the Wabash conference, proceeds to be divided between the society at Vincennes, Indiana, and Fort Branch, Indiana.

Numbers 4, 5, 6 and 7 of above were recommended by the Wabash conference, at its annual session, held at Clay City, Indiana, September 23-27, 1903.

A communication was received from Rev. J. T. Bivins, Wichita, Kansas, in which he asked advice about selling the parsonage at that place.

On motion the secretary was instructed to reply that we could not positively advise him, and that their right to sell must depend largely upon the nature of the deed they have for the property. As far as we are concerned we give our permission to sell the property, provided they keep within the laws of the state, and that we would advise him to consult with his district elder.

A communication was received from T. W. Rutledge, preacher in charge at Wahoo, Nebraska, signed by W. W. Bruce, district elder in that conference, in regard to selling parsonage property.

The following resolution was on motion adopted:

Resolved, That in case of the petition for permission to sell parsonage property at Wahoo, Nebraska, the executive committee, with its present understanding as to the way in which the property is deeded, does not regard itself authorized to take any action in the case, except to recommend that legal advice be taken in the matter, and that it also be referred for further advice and action to the Nebraska conference at its next session.

A communication was received from R. Adams of the Arkansas and Southern Missouri conference, requesting permission to use money derived from the sale of church property, for building churches on the Beebe district.

The secretary, on motion, was instructed to write him that we had no authority to give him this permission. That the disposition of the money remains with the annual conference.

A communication was received from J. L. Duvall, pastor at Clay City, Indiana, requesting us to advise him regarding a certain person in his class, who is a member on probation, and who is a partner in a firm which sells tobacco.

The secretary was instructed to write him, that we regard the question submitted to us as one that does not come before us in proper form to require a decision from us, but as one that should be looked after by the local society at Clay City.

W. B. Olmstead, editor of Sunday-school literature, presented the following report:

To the Members of the Executive Committee: Dear brethren:—The past three and one-half months, since the general conference, have been very busy months with me. I have attended several camp-meetings and conferences in the interest of the Sunday-school work and the publishing house. I have also attended to the editorial work of the Sunday-school department. Personally, my soul is blessed, and my present testimony is that I am fully saved and kept through the blood of Christ. W. B. Olmstead.

On motion the report was received and placed on file.

W. B. Olmstead presented a paper containing suggestions and recommendations regarding the work in his department.

On motion the paper was received and placed on file.

The matter of selecting an office editor was taken up. On motion the following was adopted:

Resolved, That we employ an office editor, who shall give his time to the work, and shall give his attention, first to the FREE METHODIST and the Minutes, after that he shall give his spare time to Sunday-school work.

Pending the consideration of the subject, the committee, on motion, adjourned till 7 p. m.

SECOND SITTING

The committee met according to adjournment at 7 p. m. with General Superintendent E. P. Hart in the chair. Prayer was offered by C. E. Harroun, Jr.

On motion the calling of the roll was omitted.

The minutes were read, corrected and on motion approved.

The election of office editor was taken up. The editor of the FREE METHODIST and the publishers nominated J. T. Logan. The vote was taken and resulted in the election of J. T. Logan as office editor.

A communication was received from L. C. Reber, district elder of the Missouri conference, requesting permission to sell the parsonage property at College Mound, Missouri.

On motion the request was granted, provided the society at College Mound have voted, or shall vote to sell it.

Permission was given to sell church property at Lodi, North Michigan conference, and at Gardner, Illinois.

On motion the appeal case of A. F. Godwin, from the North Indiana conference, was taken up. The charges and specifications were read by the secretary, and on motion, the committee decided to entertain the appeal.

Pending the consideration, the committee, on motion, adjourned to meet at 9 a. m., October 14.

THIRD SITTING

The committee met at 9. a. m., October 14, 1903. General Superintendent E. P. Har called the committee to order and presided. Prayer was offered by W. H. Clark.

The roll was called and all the members answered to their names, except J. Grah who was excused on account of sickness.

The minutes were read and, on motion, approved.

The consideration of the appeal case of A. F. Godwin was resumed. F. D. Brook ue, sented the case of the appellant, and C. E. Edinger presented the case of the North I lew, conference. The vote of the committee resulted in reversing the decision of the con

On motion the committee adjourned to meet at 1 p. m.

FOURTH SITTING

The committee met at 1 p. m., Wednesday, October 14, 1903. General Superinte Hart presided, prayer being offered by J. H. Porter. e

The calling of the roll was omitted.

The minutes were read and, on motion, approved.

A communication was received from the Central Board of Conference Examiners, requesting the appointment of a sub-committee of three, who shall meet and lay out the work of the board.

On motion, B. H. Roberts, D. S. Warner and P. O. Cole were appointed such committee, and the expenses of this committee are to be paid by the treasurer.

On motion, W. H. Clark was elected a corresponding editor for the FREE METHODIST.

On motion the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

FIFTH SITTING

The committee met at 7 p. m., October 14, 1903, at the call of the president, General Superintendent E. P. Hart, who presided. Prayer was offered by A. Beers.

On motion the calling of the roll was omitted.

The minutes of the fourth sitting were read and, on motion, approved.

On motion, A. L. Whitcomb was elected a corresponding editor of the FREE METHODIST, and the secretary was instructed to advise him of such election.

The auditing committee reported, and on motion their report was adopted; they also reported that they were not prepared to report on a permanent auditor.

A memorial, presented by the Illinois conference, was on motion received and referred to a committee consisting of E. P. Hart, W. A. Sellew, A. Beers and W. H. Clark.

The assistant publishing agent presented his report.

On motion the report was received and placed on file.

The assistant publishing agent made a verbal report on the small song book, ordered by the general conference, stating that considerable work had been done and that the prospect of its publication was encouraging.

On motion adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m., October 15.

SIXTH SITTING

The committee met at 1:30 p. m., October 15, 1903. President E. P. Hart presided, and prayer was offered by W. A. Sellew.

The roll was called and all members answered to their names.

The minutes were read and, on motion, approved.

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial from the Illinois conference regarding "Theistic Evolution," reported, and on motion the report was adopted.

On motion, General Superintendent W. T. Hogue was appointed as fraternal delegate to the general conference of the Wesleyan Methodist connection, to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and General Superintendent B. R. Jones was appointed reserve delegate.

The following resolution was on motion adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the fact that our four general superintendents are corresponding editors of the FREE METHODIST, we request each one of them to furnish one article each month.

On motion, W. A. Sellew and Thomas Sully were appointed a committee on finance to in an advisory capacity to the publishing agent as to the advisability of making investments of surplus funds, and as to the nature of any investments contemplated.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to take into consideration the advisability of purchasing the interest of the First church people in the publishing house property and of securing additional ground adjoining our present property, or securing a new

; also that this committee canvass and solicit for funds to carry out whichever of ans may be eventually decided upon. W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue and J. H. Moss appointed such committee.

motion the report of the committee on the memorial from the Illinois conference, considered, and was ordered back, and B. R. Jones added to the committee.

The committee adjourned until 7. p. m

SEVENTH SITTING

The committee met at 7 p. m., October 15, 1903. General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided. Prayer was offered by W. T. Hogue.

The roll call was omitted.

The minutes were read and, on motion, approved.

A Beers resigned from the committee on Ways and Means, constituted by the general conference to raise an endowment fund for our schools.

On motion his resignation was accepted and W. B. Olmstead was appointed.

The committee on the memorial from the Illinois conference made two reports. The majority report was adopted.

On motion the matter of renewing the contract for one year, for the publishing of Sunday-school literature with Revell & Company, was left with the publishing agents.

The committee appointed by the last general conference, to prepare a Sunday-school song book, made a verbal report through W. B. Olmstead, stating that but little had been done.

The committee on the revision of the hymn book, through W. T. Hogue, reported that the committee had not had a meeting, and asked advice regarding the calling of a meeting of the committee. No action was taken.

The minutes were read and, on motion, approved.

The committee adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

EIGHTH SITTING

The president called a meeting of the committee at 4:15 p. m., October 16, 1902.

The roll call was omitted.

The following was adopted: That the committee to prepare a Sunday-school song book, and the committee to prepare a song book for social worship, be permitted to combine the books, if in the judgment of the committee and the publishers it is thought best to do so.

On motion the committee adjourned.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICERS

Rev. W. T. Hogue, President. Rev. W. A. Sellew, Vice President.

Thomas Sully, Recording Secretary.

Rev. M. B. Miller, Corresponding Secretary. S. K. J. Chesbro, Treasurer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, FOR 1898-1903

FIRST SITTING

At the call of the president, the Board of Education of the Free Methodist Church of North America, met in the college chapel, Greenville, Illinois, June 15, 1903, at 1:30 p. m.

The president, Wilson T. Hogue, called the board to order and presided. Prayer was offered by J. Graham.

The secretary being absent, W. H. Clark was, on motion, elected secretary pro tem.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names: W. T. Hogue, E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, J. Craig, F. H. Ashcraft, J. Graham, T. Heavisides, W. A. Sellew, W. H. Clark.

The minutes of the preceding session were read.

The secretary read the following communication:

Greenville, Illinois, June 15, 1903.

To the Board of Education of the Free Methodist Church,

Dear Brethren:—We hereby respectfully request recognition of the Los Angeles Free

Methodist Seminary, as one of our educational institutions. We are prepared to represent our school and give you our reasons for asking recognition. Most respectfully,

C. B. Ebey,
G. W. Griffith,
H. L. Kibby,
J. G. Baird,
} Trustees.

On motion the paper was received, and referrred to the committee on the location of educational institutions.

An application from Fred E. Bennett for a loan of $125.00 was read, and, on motion, referred to the committee on appropriations.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to place the application for a loan, now in his hands, in the hands of the committee on appropriations.

The corresponding secretary, M. B. Miller, reported that he had completed the work assigned him at the last session of the board, that of preparing copies of the constitution and by-laws and leaflets.

On motion the report was accepted.

On motion, S. K. J. Chesbro was authorized to loan Robert Upton a sum not to exceed $75.00 for four months, from the funds of the board.

On motion the board adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

SECOND SITTING

The Board of Education met at the call of the president, in the Free Methodist church, Greenville, Illinois, June 17, 1903, at 1:30 p. m., with President W. T. Hogue in the chair. Prayer was offered by W. A. Sellew.

The roll was called and the following persons responded: W. T. Hogue, E. P. Hart, W. A. Sellew, J. Graham, W. H. Clark, T. Heavisides, F. H. Ashcraft, M. B. Miller, J. Craig.

The minutes of the previous sitting were read and, on motion, approved.

The committee on granting loans, having recommended the granting of a loan of $125.00 to Fred E. Bennett, on motion it was so ordered.

The application of Rev. B. B. Orr, for a loan of $125.00, was recommended by the committee.

On motion the request was granted.

An application of $150.00 for R. N. Thompson was presented with the recommendation of the committee.

On motion the request was granted.

The report of the secretary was read, and on motion adopted and ordered presented to the general conference, as the report of the board for the quadrennium.

It was moved and carried to pay the loans granted October 1, 1903, on condition of a proper note being presented.

The minutes were read and, on motion, approved.

On motion the board adjourned.

THIRD SITTING

At the call of the president the Board of Education met in the college chapel, Greenville, Illinois, June 22, 1903, at 1:40 p. m. W. T. Hogue presided. Prayer was offered by B. R. Jones.

On motion the roll call was omitted.

The minutes of the previous sitting were read.

The committee on location of schools reported as follows, and on motion the report was adopted:

We, the committee on location of schools, unanimously approve of the location of Los Angeles Free Methodist Seminary at Los Angeles, California.

B. R. Jones,
W. B. Olmstead,
J. H. Graham,
} Committee.

It was recommended by the committee on the recognition of educational institutions, that the regular schools be placed on the list, and that the Free Methodist seminary at Los Angeles, California, be added as soon as it shall be incorporated.

The minutes were read and, on motion, approved.

On motion the board adjourned.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD FOR 1903-1907

The members of the Board of Education for 1903–1907 met in the chapel of Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois, June 25, 1903, at 8 a. m.

The following members were present: E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew. W. T. Hogue, C. E. Harroun, Jr., F. H. Ashcraft, M. B. Miller, J. H. Porter, J. H. Moss, J. S. McCay, Thomas Sully.

On motion W. T. Hogue was elected president, W. A. Sellew, vice president, Thomas Sully, recording secretary, M. B. Miller, corresponding secretary, S. K. J. Chesbro, treasurer.

On motion it was ordered that the committee on applications be instructed to notify the applicants for aid from the board, as to the prospects of their being able to receive the aid asked, before the opening of the next school year.

The minutes of the meeting were read and, on motion, approved.

On motion the board adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Pursuant to a call published in the FREE METHODIST, the Board of Education of the Free Methodist Church of North America, met in the office of the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, October 15, 1903, at 4 p. m.

W. T. Hogue, president of the board, called the meeting to order and presided. Prayer was offered by A. Beers.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names: E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, C. E. Harroun, Jr., W. H. Clark, M. B. Miller, F. H. Ashcraft, A. Beers, J. H. Porter, J. H. Moss, J. S. McCay, J. Graham, Thomas Sully, C. B. Ebey.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted: It having been brought to the notice of the board, that at the June meeting, the officers were elected by acclamation, when they should have been elected by ballot, therefore,

Resolved. That we dispense with the formality of electing them by ballot, and now proceed to elect them by acclamation.

The following officers were on motion elected: W. T. Hogue, president, W. A. Sellew, vice-president, Thomas Sully, recording secretary, M. B. Miller, corresponding secretary, C. B. Ebey, treasurer.

The report of the former treasurer was called for, but he was not ready to make a formal report, but stated there was about $1300.00 available funds in the treasury.

On motion a committee of three was ordered to nominate standing committees.

On motion M. B. Miller, W. H. Clark and J. S. McCay were elected a committee to nominate standing committees.

The committee on nominations reported as follows:

Finance Committee—W. T. Hogue, C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. Graham, M. B. Miller.

Auditing Committee—W. A. Sellew, A. Beers, Thomas Sully.

On Appropriations—W. H. Clark, F. H. Ashcraft, J. S. McCay, M. B. Miller, C. B. Ebey.

On Location of Educational Institutions—E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, J. H. Moss.

On Cancellation of Loans—B. R. Jones, W. T. Hogue, J. H. Porter.

On Recognition of Schools—A. Beers, W. H. Clark, Thomas Sully.

On motion the report of the committee on nominations was accepted.

The committee on applications recommended the following appropriations, and made the following recommendations:

APPLICATIONS

Irving K. Damon, $150; Blanche Adams, $150; Jennie Walls, $70; Henry J. Musser, $50; A. E. Thomas, $50; Viletta Dalrymple, $65; Grace E. Sawyer, $60; H. L. Smith, $50; R. L. Pickett, $100. Total, $745.

RECOMMENDATION

Your committee recommend that applicants for loans be henceforth required to present written recommendations from persons given as references, and that this requirement be published in the FREE METHODIST.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

On motion, M. B. Miller and C. B. Ebey were elected a committee to determine how the appropriations are to be divided between the Children's Fund and Educational Fund.

On motion it was ordered that Robert E. Adams be notified that the amount of his indebtedness would be received in $25.00 payments and that no interest will be charged until two years after leaving school.

On motion it was ordered that the corresponding secretary be instructed to notify all applicants for permission to locate, and requests for recognition of schools, of the action of the board whether the application be granted or not.

On motion it was ordered that the committee on appropriations be authorized to receive applications for aid, and with the consent of the president of this board, to grant such aid, as in their judgment may be deemed advisable. They may do so before the opening of our schools, sufficiently early to give students time to prepare for attending, but no such grant shall be in force, and no money shall be paid to any applicant until such applicant shall be actually enrolled as a student in some one of our schools.

On motion the board adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

SIXTH SESSION

Pursuant to a call published in the FREE METHODIST the annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension, of the Free Methodist church of North America convened at 16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 1903, at 8 p. m.

The president of the board, W. A. Sellew, being absent, on motion B. R. Jones was elected president pro tem and presided.

On motion the roll call was omitted.

The treasurer gave his report as follows (See report):

On motion his report was accepted.

The board proceeded to consider applications for church extension funds, which were first read by the secretary, and then taken up and voted on seriatim.

On motion the Ross church in the State of Washington was declared a special case.

Moved and carried to grant the application for aid from Scranton, Kansas, provided that it shall be presented in proper form.

Moved and carried that the application from Coldwater, Michigan, be considered when properly presented.

Moved and carried to extend the time of the appropriation to Zanesville church, Ohio, and inform them that we will consider the increase asked for when the conditions for the $150.00 are met.

On motion, the secretary was requested to write the pastor of the church at Mt. Vernon Illinois, that no application had been received.

Moved and carried that all cases irregularly presented be considered when presented in due form.

On motion the following appropriations were adopted as a whole (See list):

The minutes were read, corrected and, on motion, approved.

On motion the board adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

OCTOBER 1, 1902, TO OCTOBER 1, 1903

To amount on hand October 1, 1902	$ 325 08	
To amount receipts October 1, 1902, to October 1, 1903	2427 83	
Total		$2752

DISBURSEMENTS, 1902–1903

1902	CONFERENCE	CHARGE	AMOUNT
Oct. 9	North Michigan	Sault Ste Marie	$ 300 00
" 10	Illinois	Crawford	400 00
Nov. 3	West Ontario	Sintaluta	100 00
" 3	Texas	Moosehead Chapel	40 00
" 3	Central Illinois	Bingham	50 00
" 7	Michigan	Kalamazoo	250 00
" 11	North Minnesota	Huffs	50 00
" 11	Washington	Cle Elum	75 00
" 17	Nebraska	Mt. Zion	75 00
" 20	Pittsburg	Leechburg	40 00
" 20	Louisiana	Black River	15 00
Dec. 1	Texas	Zavalla, etc	50 00
" 9	Oklahoma	Geary	75 00
" 11	North Minnesota	Browerville	35 00
" 13	East Ontario	Toronto	100 00
" 13	East Ontario	Gananoque	75 00
1903			
Jan. 14	West Kansas	Minneapolis	50 00
" 14	West Iowa	Polk City	50 00
" 14	Oklahoma	Enid	75 00
" 27	Central Illinois	Vandalia	40 00
Feb. 9	Washington	Blaine	50 00
Mch. 31	Oil City	Siverly	100 00
Aug. 21	North Michigan	Mancelona	30 00
Sept. 8	Oregon	Central	75 00
" 30	North Minnesota	Gordon, etc	20 00
			$2220 00

Amount of expenses	$ 165 25	
On hand October 1, 1903	367 66	
		$2752 91

CHURCH EXTENSION—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

On hand October 1, 1903	$367 66

Receipts since conferences to be held estimated.

PAID SINCE OCTOBER 1

Church at Columbia City, North Indiana	$ 50 00
" " Boscobel Wisconsin	75 00

APPROPRIATIONS

ALLOWED—UNPAID

1901-2	Owosso, East Michigan	$ 50 00	1902-3	Norfolk, Nebraska	$ 75 00
"	Wichita, Kansas	100 00	"	Lynch and Gross, Nebraska	50 00
"	Ransom, Michigan	150 00	"	Allaben, New York	10 00
"	Allaben, New York	10 00	"	Fremont, Ohio	125 00
"	Freemont, North Indiana	40 00	"	Greenville, Oil City	40 00
"	Lodi, North Michigan	50 00	"	San Diego, Southern California	100 00
"	Zanesville, Ohio	150 00	"	Lloyd, Wisconsin	25 00
"	Braddock, Pittsburg	200 00	"	Humbird, Wisconsin	100 00
"	Corinth, Susquehanna	25 00	"	Clarks Fork	50 00
			"	Hillsdale, 150 appropriated last year	50 00
		$765 00			$ 625 00
	Total				$1390 00

APPROPRIATIONS

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS WERE READ, AND THE SUMS SET OPPOSITE WERE, ON MOTION, APPROPRIATED

Conference	Charge	Amount
Central Illinois	Naples and Bluffs circuit	$ 50 00
Columbia River	Colville circuit	25 00
Kansas	Wichita	100 00
Kansas	Scranton and Osage circuit	30 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	Gallatin	125 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	Manchester and Hillsboro circuit	25 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	Estherville and Ceylon circuit	100 00
North Michigan	Orleans and Belding circuit	100 00
Nebraska	Fremont	50 00
Ohio	Akron	250 00

APPROPRIATIONS—Continued

Conference	Charge or Place	Amount
Pittsburg	Tarentum	175 00
Susquehanna	Weedsport and Port Byron	75 00
Texas	Canaan and Appleby circuit	50 00
Texas	Greenville circuit	125 00
West Kansas	Logan and Densmore circuit	75 00
West Ontario	Canboro and Attercliff circuit	50 00
West Ontario	Welland and Wainfleet circuit	125 00
Wisconsin	Sioux Creek, Burton and Pecon schoolhouse	50 00
Wisconsin	Second Free Methodist church, Milwaukee	125 00
Washington	Ross (Also $250 a year later.)	250 00
Oklahoma	Guthrie and Campbell	200 00
Oklahoma	Tonkawa, Maple Grove, Stony Point and Ponca	150 00

DEFERRED APPROPRIATIONS

Illinois	Kewanee, Saxon and Galva circuit	$ 75 00
Oil City	Port Allegany and Portage circuit	40 00

INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

Columbia River	Spokane	75 00
Washington	Takoma and Parkland	100 00
North Minnesota	Ft. Ripley circuit	75 00
Ohio	Zanesville (time extended)	
For incidental expenses		100 00
Total		$2770 00
With the addition of the $250 which is to be paid a year later to the Ross church the grand total		$3020 00

CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS

RECEIPTS, 1902–1903

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 22 30	$ 10 55	North Michigan	$ 167 80	$ 186 00
California	25 60	25 60	North Minnesota	28 40	25 33
Central Illinois	146 10	171 73	Ohio	84 60	84 60
Colorado	34 00	33 25	Oil City	162 00	150 20
Columbia River	19 30	19 30	Oklahoma	34 40	34 40
East Michigan	167 90	163 48	Oregon	38 80	29 62
East Ontario	59 20	59 20	Pittsburg	117 80	117 80
Genesee	146 90	144 26	Platte River	40 90	40 90
Illinois	101 50	101 50	Southern California	36 70	40 30
Iowa	78 00	78 00	South Dakota	45 00	45 00
Kansas	82 30	85 20	Susquehanna	136 50	136 50
Kentucky and Tennessee	18 90	12 30	Texas	55 10	55 10
Louisiana	12 30	12 30	Wabash	79 60	79 60
Michigan	91 70	79 30	Washington	45 90	45 90
Minnesota and North Iowa	30 60	30 60	West Iowa	60 80	60 80
Missouri	24 20	14 20	West Kansas	71 00	71 00
Nebraska	40 20	40 10	West Ontario	58 10	59 90
New York	103 00	104 78	Wisconsin	81 70	81 70
North Dakota	13 90	12 80			
North Indiana	36 10	36 10	Total	$2599 10	$2579 20

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

SIXTH SESSION

Pursuant to a call published in the FREE METHODIST the Board of Conference Claimants met at 14–16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 1903.

W. T. Hogue, the president, being absent, B. R. Jones was elected president pro tem, and presided.

On motion the following claims were allowed (See list).

On motion the board recommended that an amount equal to 33 cents per member be raised for claimants' fund for the ensuing year.

The minutes were read and, on motion, approved.

On motion the board adjourned.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND, 1903

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Deficit, 1902	Paid, 1903	Deficit, 1903	Surplus, 1903	Claimants, 1903	Paid Claimants	Due Claimants	Claimants, 1904
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 66 90	.....	$ 16 40	$ 50 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	76 80	.....	76 80	.....	.....	$ 382 50	$ 382 50	.....	$ 262 50
Central Illinois	438 30	.....	438 30	.....	.....	282 00	282 00	.....	520 00
Colorado	102 00	.....	102 00	.....	.....	125 00	125 00	.....	155 00
Columbia River	57 90	.....	57 90	.....	.....	250 00	250 00	.....	325 00
East Michigan	503 70	.....	503 70	.....	.....	616 00	616 00	.....	435 00
East Ontario	177 60	.....	177 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Genesee	440 70	.....	440 70	.....	.....	865 00	820 00	.....	990 00
Illinois	304 50	.....	304 50	.....	.....	395 00	395 00	.....	180 00
Iowa	234 00	.....	234 00	.....	.....	200 00	200 00	.....	200 00
Kansas	246 90	.....	246 90	.....	.....	190 00	190 00	.....	335 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	56 70	.....	2 50	54 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana	36 90	.....	36 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan	275 10	.....	275 10	.....	.....	285 00	285 00	.....	185 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	91 80	.....	91 80	.....	.....	500 00	500 00	.....	455 00
Missouri	72 60	.....	72 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska	120 60	.....	120 60	.....	.....	206 00	206 00	.....	56 00
New York	309 00	.....	309 00	.....	.....	347 00	347 00	.....	347 00
North Dakota	41 70	.....	42 30	.....	$ 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Indiana	108 30	.....	108 30	.....	.....	140 00	140 00	.....	135 00
North Michigan	503 40	.....	503 40	.....	.....	290 00	290 00	.....	385 00
North Minnesota	85 20	.....	85 20	.....	.....	45 00	45 00	.....	45 00
Ohio	253 80	.....	253 80	.....	.....	120 00	120 00	.....	225 00
Oil City	486 00	.....	500 64	.....	14 64	51 00	51 00	.....	164 00
Oklahoma	103 20	.....	103 20	.....	.....	205 00	205 00	.....	25 00
Oregon	116 40	.....	118 10	.....	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pittsburg	353 40	.....	353 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Platte River	122 70	.....	122 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern California	110 10	.....	110 10	.....	.....	90 00	90 00	.....	345 00
South Dakota	135 00	.....	131 94	3 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00
Susquehanna	409 50	.....	409 50	.....	.....	1280 00	1280 00	.....	1305 00
Texas	165 30	.....	154 43	10 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wabash	238 80	.....	238 80	.....	.....	205 00	205 00	.....	180 00
Washington	137 70	.....	137 70	.....	.....	150 00	150 00	.....	320 00
West Iowa	182 40	.....	182 40	.....	.....	370 00	370 00	.....	370 00
West Kansas	213 00	.....	213 00	.....	.....	165 00	165 00	.....	190 00
West Ontario	174 30	.....	174 30	.....	.....	300 00	300 00	.....	225 00
Wisconsin	245 10	.....	245 10	.....	.....	201 00	201 00	.....	280 00
Total	$7797 30	.....	$7695 61	$ 118 63	$16 94	$8275 50	$8230 50	.....	$8839 50

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES

Treasurer's Report, 1902-1903

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Deficit, 1902	Surplus, 1902	Paid, 1903	Surplus, 1903	Deficit, 1903
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 40 14			$ 40 19	$ 05	
California	46 08			45 92		$ 16
Central Illinois	262 98			262 98		
Colorado	61 20			61 74	54	
Columbia River	34 74			34 74		
East Michigan	302 22			281 41		20 81
East Ontario	106 56			106 56		
Genesee	264 42			258 22		6 20
Illinois	182 70			169 31		13 39
Iowa	140 40			140 67	27	
Kansas	148 14			149 82	1 68	
Kentucky and Tennessee	34 02			34 02		
Louisiana	22 14			22 14		
Michigan	165 06			141 48		23 58
Minnesota and North Iowa	55 08			55 08		
Missouri	43 56			44 25	69	
Nebraska	72 36			72 36		
New York	185 40			185 40		
North Dakota	25 02			32 27	7 25	
North Indiana	64 98			63 96		1 02
North Michigan	302 04			302 04		
North Minnesota	51 12			41 77		9 35
Ohio	152 28			152 28		
Oil City	291 60			291 60		
Oklahoma	61 92			61 92		
Oregon	69 84			70 93	1 09	
Pittsburg	212 04			212 04		
Platte River	73 62			73 62		
Southern California	66 06			66 06		
South Dakota	81 00			85 36	4 36	
Susquehanna	245 70			245 70		
Texas	99 18			99 20	02	
Wabash	143 28			143 28		
Washington	82 62			82 62		
West Iowa	109 44			109 44		
West Kansas	127 80			127 80		
West Ontario	104 58			104 58		
Wisconsin	147 06			147 06		
Total	$ 4678 38			$4619 82	$ 15 95	$ 74 51

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

NAMES OF MEMBERS

Rev. B. R. Jones, President,
Rev. B. Winget, Secretary,
S. K. J. Chesbro, Treasurer,
Rev. Edward P. Hart,
Rev. W. A. Sellew,
Rev. W. T. Hogue,
Thomas Sully, First District,
Rev. J. S. McGeary, Second District,
Rev. F. J. Calkins, Third District,
Rev. W. B. Olmstead, Fourth District,
J. H. Porter, Fifth District,
J. Graham, Sixth District,
Rev. C. E. Harroun, Jr., Seventh District,
Mrs. Mary L. Coleman, W. F. M. S.,
Mrs. M. M. Robinson, W. F. M. S.,
Mrs. T. B. Arnold, W. F. M. S.

DIRECTORS OF BOARD

Rev. B. R. Jones,
S. K. J. Chesbro,
Rev. B. Winget,
Rev. W. B. Olmstead.
Rev. J. S. McGeary.

SECOND SESSION

Pursuant to a call published in the Free Methodist, the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 14–16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois, October 14, at 2 p. m.

General Superintendent B. R. Jones, president of the board, called the meeting to order and presided.

Hymn number 56 was sung and scripture lesson from Acts 11:1-18; 13:42-52 was read by B. Winget. Prayer was offered by C. E. Harroun, Jr., W. T. Hogue and B. Winget.

The secretary called the roll and the following members answered to their names: E. P. Hart, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, B. Winget, S. K. J. Chesbro, W. B. Olmstead, C. E. Harroun, Jr., Thomas Sully, J. H. Porter, J. Graham, Mrs. M. M. Robinson, Mrs. T. B. Arnold.

The missionary secretary reported the work of the directors of the General Missionary Board, since June 24, 1903. (See report.)

On motion the report was accepted.

The secretary read his annual report as follows: (See report.)

On motion the report was adopted.

The treasurer read his annual report as follows: (See report.)

On motion of W. T. Hogue, the report of the treasurer was referred to the auditing committee.

On motion the reports of the superintendents and missionaries on the foreign field were ordered read.

The report of J. P. Brodhead, of the Fairview Mission Station, was read and, on motion, was accepted.

On motion a committee of two was ordered to consider and report upon the recommendations contained in the report of the Fairview Mission Station. W. B. Olmstead and Mary L. Coleman were elected such a committee.

Reports from the following named missionaries and mission stations were read (see their letters), and on motion they were accepted and referred to the committee on the report of Fairview Mission Station: — Grace Allen, for Fairview Girls' Home; Mrs. Carroll Smith, for Johannesburg; N. B. Smith, for Edwaleni, South Africa; Margaret Nickel and Lucy Hartman, for the Itembi Mission Station; J. W. Haley, for Inhambane.

On motion a committee of three was ordered to examine the financial reports of the

missionaries, and report any changes thought best, regarding the manner of making such reports. W. A. Sellew, E. P. Hart and Mary M. Robinson were elected such a committee.

The report of the committee on bequests was read by the secretary as follows:

"Your committee report that the Belinda English estate has not been sold. It is rented, and is in charge of Mr. Marion Fraker, of Colorado Springs, who is a member of the Free Methodist church. We are endeavoring to sell it."

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the committee of the last quadrennium to take charge of bequests, consisting of B. R. Jones and B. Winget, was continued.

On motion, Floyd Appleton, of Seattle, Washington, a candidate for mission work in China, was invited to address the board, which he did.

Reports from the missionaries and mission stations in India were read (see their letters), and on motion were accepted.

The reports of the general conference evangelists, W. G. Hanmer and C. W. Stamp, were read (see reports), and on motion were accepted.

On motion the general conference evangelists were allowed to employ their time during the ensuing year at their discretion, but were strongly recommended to spend at least half of their time in opening new work. C. W. Stamp was requested to spend three months in the South, and W. G. Hanmer three months in New England.

On motion General Superintendent E. P. Hart was requested to ordain Jules Ryff of the Washington conference, an outgoing missionary to Africa, in accordance with the action of his conference which had elected him to be ordained both deacon and elder.

C. B. Ebey stated to the board that he held in trust a note for the sum of $800, secured by a mortgage on valuable real estate, with instructions that when said note should be collected $700 should be paid to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America.

On motion a vote of thanks was given to the donor, and the secretary was instructed to convey the same to the before mentioned party.

It was moved that a committee of three be appointed by the president, to make recommendations regarding collections taken up by returned missionaries at public missionary meetings.

The motion prevailed.

The president appointed as such committee, C. E. Harroun, Jr., J. S. McGeary and Mrs. Tressa R. Arnold.

On motion the board approved of sending out a man and wife to Fairview, Africa, to take charge of the work of the station land as soon as they can be secured and there are sufficient funds in the treasury. In the meantime Jules Ryff, our outgoing missionary, was requested to assist in the farm work as the superintendent may direct.

On motion, J. P. Brodhead was appointed superintendent of all our work in Africa, except Inhambane.

On motion, J. W. Haley was appointed superintendent of the work at Inhambane.

The application and recommendations of Miss Nellie Reed of Huron, South Dakota, were read.

On motion she was accepted, and appointed to go out to Africa to assist in the native girls' school at Fairview, Natal.

The auditing committee, through W. A. Sellew, reported on the treasurer's report as follows:

The auditing committee appointed to audit the the treasurer's report from October 1, 1902, to October 1, 1903, submit the following report:

We have gone through the accounts and examined them with the accompanying vouchers as best we could in the limited time allowed us, and we find nothing incorrect, or irregular, and we believe them to be entirely correct.

WALTER A. SELLEW, THOMAS SULLY, } Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the board proceeded to the election of a Board of Directors.

On motion of E. P. Hart, the president, secretary, W. B. Olmstead, J. S. McGeary and S. K. J. Chesbro were elected a Board of Directors.

On motion, J. T. Taylor was appointed superintendent of the work in India.

On motion, M. C. Clarke was appointed treasurer.

On motion and in view of the return of V. G. McMurry and wife, and the probability that they will be absent from India for some time, we therefore recommend that two missionaries be sent out to India as soon as the proper persons are ready to go and there are sufficient funds in the treasury to send them.

The secretary presented the application and recommendations of Floyd Appleton for missionary work on the foreign field.

On motion he was accepted.

On motion he was appointed to go out to China with those who have been appointed to that field.

The secretary presented the needs of the missionaries, and the work on foreign fields.

On motion, Miss Clara Leffingwell was requested to speak on the needs of China, which she did and stated that it would be necessary to send out at least eight missionaries in order to properly commence and establish the work in that land.

It was moved that eight missionaries be sent to China, as soon as suitable persons are found, and the proper means secured.

The motion prevailed.

J. Graham requested to be excused from further attendance upon this session, and, on motion, his request was granted.

On motion Mrs. Agnew was invited to speak on the needs of Africa, which she did.

Miss Appling addressed the board on the needs of India.

On motion, Mrs. Lillie Agnew was granted one-half salary from the time of her arrival in America.

On motion each of her two children was granted thirty-six dollars for one year from this date.

On motion, Mrs. Lillie Agnew was authorized to travel throughout the church and hold meetings and raise money for the work in South Africa.

On motion, Miss Emma Appling was allowed one-half salary from July 1, 1903, until this date.

On motion it was voted to give Miss Clara Leffingwell one-half salary from October 15, 1903, to the time of her departure for China.

On motion it was voted to give each of the two general conference evangelists five hundred dollars a year from the General Missionary Fund, and the money raised for them by collections on their fields of labor.

The committee which was appointed to consider and report how monies raised by returned missionaries shall be appropriated, reported as follows:

Your committee to make recommendations respecting collections taken by our missionaries in public meetings would present the following report:

1. We recommend that the money raised since the last general conference by our returned missionaries be appropriated to their respective fields.

2. It is the judgment of your committee that our foreign mission work should be considered one; and that all monies raised hereafter for foreign missions should be credited to a common fund unless provision is made for doing otherwise by the board, or except in the case of contributions given by individuals or associations for some special field; in which case, all such funds should be applied as indicated by the donor.

3. We further recommend that in case an emergency arises in respect to any particular field the secretary and board of directors be authorized to arrange for special contributions for such needy fields.

C. E. Harroun, Jr.,
John S. McGeary,
Tressa R. Arnold.

The secretary read the appropriations asked for foreign missions for the year 1903–1904 (see list).

On motion $1000.00 was appropriated to build a new iron house at Chereni, Africa, the money to be used when the board of directors shall so direct.

On motion, Clara Leffingwell was authorized to raise money throughout the church sufficient to establish the mission in China.

On motion the building of a school and dwelling house at Edwaleni in Pondoland, Africa, was recommended to the favorable consideration of the board of directors as soon as funds warrant.

On motion the following appropriations were adopted (see list):

On motion W. A. Sellew was excused from further attendance upon this session.

On motion it was ordered that members of the church boards be notified hereafter to come to the meetings prepared to remain ten days.

On motion, C. E. Harroun, Jr., was excused from further attendance after 6 p. m.

On motion the missionary secretary was authorized to solicit donations for the support of native workers.

On motion it was ordered to take up the general missionary appropriations.

On motion the missionary secretary was authorized to raise at least $1000.00 for general missions.

The secretary presented the following list of appropriations for general missions (see list):

The treasurer for the general missionary fund reported (see report), and on motion the report was accepted.

The appropriations as read were, on motion adopted.

The committee on financial reports of missionaries reported in part as follows:

Inasmuch as the accounts of the missionaries are so voluminous we recommend that they be requested to condense their financial reports by classifying the items, monthly, somewhat as follows:

Expended during (here give the month) for—

Labor.	Stationery and Postage.
Food.	Cloth and Materials.
Clothing.	Traveling Expenses.
Medical.	Freight, etc.
Farm Tools, etc.	Incidentals.

The minutes were read and, on motion, approved.

On motion the board adjourned subject to call of the chair.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

REV. W. G HANMER'S REPORT

To the Missionary Board:

Since the fourth of July I opened the tabernacle meeting with Brother J. H. Flower in St. Louis, Missouri, and continued there between two and three weeks. The meeting opened very auspiciously, and I hear it has increased in power and interest, until a wonderful work has been done. Many souls have been gloriously saved and sanctified. St. Louis bids fair to be the hub of Free Methodism in that part of the country.

On my way out West I tarried about a week with Brother B. Y. Neal, in the "twin cities" (St. Paul and Minneapolis). I found Brother Neal engaged in a tabernacle meeting. We had excellent meetings with some saving and sanctifying results.

I arrived in Oregon in time to attend the Central and Newberg camp-meetings with District Elder William Pearce; also one at Puyallup, Washington, with District Elder B. F. Smalley. Since then I have held a tabernacle meeting in Spokane, and a two weeks' meeting in the church, and one week in Sprague. The Lord has very signally and greatly helped and blessed my labors out here in the West. We have had some glorious, old-time

meetings with very gracious results. Over one hundred have been either saved or sanctified in these meetings, and I have received seventy-six new members into the church.

MONEY RAISED FROM THE FIELDS

For the general mission fund (on my salary)	$ 90 00
For traveling expenses	70 00
To assist workers	42 00
Total	$ 202 00

Besides providing for the incidental expenses connected with the meetings.

At the close of the meeting at Spokane, we secured in pledges for labor, and cash, nearly enough to build a new parsonage. By this time it is well under way. Evangelistic help is specially needed out here. The brethren greatly appreciate my visit and labors, and are taking on new courage. I think I ought to remain here until New Year s (within the bounds of the Oregon, Washington and Columbia River conferences), and will do so unless you see fit to order me into other fields. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. HANMER.

P. S.—This is practically my report for two and a half months' labors in the West. I simply have mentioned St. Louis, and the "twin cities," but have not included any of the results of those meetings in this report.

REV. C. W. STAMP'S REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

Although it is but three months since the general conference called your humble servant to the office of general conference evangelist, you will doubtless expect a report of my labors to the present time. As my election came as a surprise, the work on the Pittsburg district, of which I have had charge, seemed to demand my attention until conference, and, at the earnest solicitation of the ministers, I requested your honorable body to permit me to do so; meanwhile doing what evangelistic work I could. The request was granted and I have prosecuted the work according to the best of my ability. The favor of God has been shown me, and his seal has evidently been put upon my new calling, encouraging me to look forward to four years of prosperity in my efforts to save the lost.

Since the general conference, I have held one meeting in Indiana, one in Michigan, and one in Ohio, besides sixteen quarterly meetings and one camp-meeting on our own district. Quite a number have been clearly saved and some have united with the church.

I have received many urgent calls from all parts of the work, and had made a few engagements, thinking it would be advantageous to allow some time for advertising. But fearing these engagements might interfere with the action of the board, they have all been cancelled, except the one I am now holding at Frontier, Michigan.

We have placed our three girls in the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary at North Chili, New York, for the year, and Mrs. Stamp will travel with me, to assist in the work. She has, for years, been specially blessed in revival work and also in the organization of missionary societies, and will the Lord willing devote her entire time to this cause.

We are now ready to answer calls and to labor in any locality designated by your honorable body. Respectfully submitted,

C. W. STAMP.

THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

DEAR BRETHREN AND FELLOW WORKERS IN THE MASTER'S SERVICE:

Special encouragement has been given both in the home and foreign departments of the work since our last meeting which was held at Greenville, Illinois, for which we are grateful to the Lord. There is an enlarged, intelligent, and more intense missionary interest in the home church. Notwithstanding some special tests on the foreign field, our workers there are putting on new and increasing courage, and planning for larger things

with expectant faith for greater results. The increasing interest in this work in the home church is manifested by larger contributions and more volunteers.

AFRICA—INHAMBANE, JOHANNESBURG

Our work at Inhambane and Johannesburg has sustained a great loss by the death of our oldest and very devoted missionary, G. H. Agnew, and the return of Sister Agnew to America. Carroll and Mrs. Rosa Hunter Smith, and J. W. Haley are taking hold of the work with strong faith and courage. Brother and Sister Smith, who are at Johannesburg, give good reports of the work. We are glad to report that Brother Smith's health is restored. The Lord has graciously preserved Brother Haley in health, and he has been enabled to render very helpful service at Inhambane, Johannesburg, and Fairview. He has been assisting Brother Brodhead for several months because of Brother Brodhead's nervous prostration. Good reports come to your secretary from Brother Haley in regard to the work done by our native evangelists at Inhambane. About five of these have been wholly supported by individual gifts from our people in the home land. These native workers care for and instruct the children who are supported by persons in America. There have been about thirty native boys and eighteen native girls supported during the past year. This means the sowing of the good seeds of truth in the most receptive soil, and we trust there will be an encouraging harvest in workers raised up to give the light of life to their people.

I think the work at Inhambane is in special need of a two-story iron house at Chereni. This will greatly help in preserving the health of our white missionaries, and by building such a home for them we shall be following the example of other missionaries who have labored in that malarial climate for a long time. A young man should be sent out to assist Brother Haley. It is of superlative importance that we look after the health of our missionaries in such a climate, and in order to do this we should have two, or more, on each station, so that if one is sick he may have a fellow worker to care for him, and then should he be taken away by death the work will not be wholly unsupplied by white missionaries.

Johannesburg sustains an important relation to our entire missionary work in Africa, it being a kind of center of supply from which we hope to raise up and send forth laborers to the other parts of our work, especially to Inhambane. Therefore, in order to more fully establish the work there and realize better results, we ought to have another young man to assist Brother Carroll Smith. Then should his health fail, or it be necessary for one of them to leave the work, the worker who remained could continue to carry it forward. We are expecting that from our work at Johannesburg will come an important portion of students for our training school in Natal, or Pondoland.

AFRICA—FAIRVIEW

Our missionaries at this station have been called to pass through some crucial experiences during the past year because of some of the workers leaving the work, and, more especially, in view of the causes which necessitated their leaving. These things have had a very depressing influence upon the workers and have been severe tests of their faith. Brother and Sister Brodhead's health has been seriously impaired for some time, but we are glad to report that they are much better, and we hope they may soon be fully restored. There has been a gracious outpouring of the Spirit at Fairview during the past year.

Our missionaries are abounding in hope for the work, and to this end they are praying that we may send out, soon, nine additional missionaries including in this number those whom we have already accepted and appointed. Their faith is claiming this desirable addition to their workers. I suppose by this time Masala, our very efficient teacher n our station school at Fairview for a number of years, will be in Pondoland commencing work, as a kind of John the Baptist, preceding the missionary and his wife whom our workers at Fairview are expecting will soon be there to assist in the work. Brother Brodhead thinks that our work in Natal will naturally enlarge in the direction of Pondoland, and it is not thought best to have our training school for native

boys located at the same place as Sister Allen's school for girls, therefore, it is thought best to have the boys' training school located at our new station in Pondoland. As the section immediately surrounding our Pondoland station is thickly settled with natives, if our school is located there it will afford a good opportunity for the students to do missionary work among the natives while attending school.

J. P. Brodhead and the other missionaries feel that it is too much for him to have any responsibility in connection with the farm work, and they especially request that we send out a man and wife speedily to take charge of the same. Your secretary has thought it might be possible to secure a man and his wife in Natal to take charge of this work. In view of our past disappointments in regard to realizing financial help for our mission work at Fairview from the farm products, it is a little perplexing to know just what to do in regard to this matter. According to W. C. Gray's report a year ago last August we had on the farm, stock valued at $635.00, fowls valued at $200.00, and tanks for grain, wagons and farm utensils valued at $665.00. Our superintendent reports produce sold the past year from the station land to the value of $287.00. We have reason to believe that better returns would have been realized from the farm the past year had it not been for the unfavorable circumstances. It seems as though having gone as far as we have in our efforts in this direction, we ought now again to try to secure a desirable man and woman and send them out as soon as possible, to take charge of the farm at Fairview, unless provision can be made on the field by securing a man and his wife who are already in Africa. I think it is doubtful about our being able to secure such persons there. Perhaps we might secure those who would be qualified to look after the temporal affairs of the station, but it would not be so easy to secure persons whose influence and work would also help on the spiritual interests. As Mrs. Rosa Hunter Smith is now at Johannesburg, and, therefore, Miss F. Grace Allen has no white missionary to assist her in the school work, it seems necessary to send her a helper as soon as possible. I think we have an applicant for the foreign field who would be exceedingly well adapted to this place. It is expected that Dr. Backenstoe and Jules and Mrs. Ryff will leave for Africa within a few weeks. It is desirable to send out several other missionaries to that field as soon as possible.

The statistical report from Fairview shows an addition of seventeen communicants which is an increase of about 30 per cent. for the past year. We are glad to be able to report such a growing interest. Bricks have been burned for a new school building and the work is already commenced on the same. With this building completed we shall have a good supply of substantial buildings on this station. Sister Allen's report of her school is encouraging. Her patience and perseverance in her work is very commendable, and I hope we may strengthen her hands and heart by sending her an assistant for the girls' school.

AFRICA—ITEMBI, EBENEZER

Lucy A. Hartman and Margaret A. Nickel have been pushing on the battle successfully at these points during the past year. They give encouraging reports concerning both the school and spiritual work. Sister Hartman gives her time more to evangelistic, and Sister Nickel to school work. Sister Nickel's recent report states that she had forty-three scholars enrolled in her school. Special meetings have been held on their work during the year, and some have been saved.

AFRICA—EDWALENI

Nathanael B. and Mrs. Martha Harris Smith have been laboring at Edwaleni the past year. They have finished their dwelling house with some aid given them by our workers at Fairview. A donation of one hundred dollars was given Brother Smith for the work and he has used that toward providing a chapel for meetings. This was a very generous contribution from Brother Smith's friend, and with some additional contributions from others, and Brother Smith's work and the work of the natives, the chapel has been completed. The unselfish zeal of Brother Smith as manifested in planning for and securing a chapel, and the very generous aid given by his friend toward it, are sacrifices well pleasing to the

Savior, and such as we are glad to commend. The aid given to this work by our other missionaries, friend Larkin, and some of the natives—all evidence an intelligent and commendable zeal, and give promise of greater things. Brother Smith has made a few visits to Pondoland and gave the gospel message to the people. He reports some fruits of his labors there. His health is better, and he is looking for much better things from the Lord. The faithfulness, self-denial, perseverance, and courage of our missionaries in Africa are much appreciated by your secretary.

INDIA—YEOTMAL

We are glad to report that the Lord has preserved our missionaries in India from serious sickness and has given special blessing to the work and workers. The missionaries reported a very encouraging meeting at Yeotmal last Christmas, the results of which remain. It has been a time of usual health with our orphans and native Christians.

V. G. and Mrs. V. G. McMurry made requests some time ago, because of their having been overtaxed with cares and responsibilities, and in view of the length of time they had been in India, that the board provide for their return home. At our last meeting held at Greenville, the board approved of their being returned as soon as in the judgment of the secretary it was thought best, and he concluded to open the way for their return in time to be at this meeting. The way is open for a new station at Darhwa, which is the most fruitful and populous part of our district, and it is hoped that we will be able to enter this open door very soon. To do so, and to meet the needs of the other parts of the work, calls for the sending out of several additional missionaries, besides Emma Appling. Our missionaries have made request for three besides her. The needs of our orphanages will be brought before you at this meeting, and I trust we shall be able to plan and execute wisely in training our orphans on industrial lines and developing in them noble Christian characters and thereby providing faithful workers. It is very desirable that our work be strengthened by sending out additional missionaries and enlarging our work in the Wun district. The individual reports of our missionaries in India evidence faithfulness and zeal and commend them and their work to you and to our people at home. The consensus of opinion, now, of our missionaries for India is, that it will be wiser to erect a building at Yeotmal for training our orphans on industrial lines, than to expend such an amount as will be needed to purchase a farm for industrial work and provide for our orphans on the farm. The industrial problem in connection with orphans in India is a great one, and needs careful study in order to solve it wisely. Some special tests which have been felt in connection with our work in India during the past year, call for your wise and prayerful consideration and action. I trust much wisdom from above will be given in meeting the needs of the work.

JAPAN

The workers who were sent out to Japan last winter have sent very encouraging reports of the work. They are strongly impressed with the greatness of the work in different respects, especially that of acquiring the language. Our new missionaries are well pleased with the character of the work done by our native workers, and also with the workers. Some additional native workers have recently been secured. We are pleased to know that some of these have been raised up through the faithful labors of our native workers. We have been called to mourn the loss of our brother Yoshikawa who recently passed from the van of the conflict here to his heavenly reward. Our missionaries and native workers have recently commenced work at Sumoto, a large town on the island of Awaji. Brother Kawabe has spent some time in labors at Osaka, and we are expecting to commence work there soon, and make that the headquarters of our work in Japan. The missionaries are praying and hoping that we may be able to provide more liberally, means and workers, for the enlargement and establishment of our work there. With their environments, and with the needs of the people drawing out their sympathies, and with their own need of help from the home land, it is to be expected that their hearts will be turned toward us with a strong desire for additional reinforcements. Donations have been given by a num-

ber of individuals toward the support of native workers. I think by making sufficient efforts donations for this purpose might be largely increased and provision made, in this way, for the support of all our native workers. The record made thus far by our missionaries and native workers in Japan gives good hope of enlargement and more abundant fruit.

CHINA

This is a new field which we decided to enter at our meeting held at Greenville, last June. Surely it is a very needy and extensive field. An evidence of the increasing foreign missionary interest among us is shown by the desire expressed by some of our people in different parts to give of their means to send out missionaries to the fields unoccupied by us, and by the letters your secretary has received from different persons who are anxious to be sent out to such fields. Surely we have great need of the clear guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit in order that this growing interest may be directed in such channels as are pleasing to the Holy Ghost, and will accomplish the best results. Already more than the number of persons whom you approved of your secretary sending to China, have applied to be sent out to that field.

I suppose it will be necessary to wait until our outgoing missionaries to China are on the field, and report concerning the money needed to establish the work, before full and definite appropriations can be made. With the enlargement of our work by taking in China, comes a wider door of privilege and greater responsibilities. Surely we have need of increasing prayer, stronger faith, and intensified and wise missionary zeal in order that we fail not of accomplishing the work which we have accepted on these different fields. I trust that as we are emphasizing the principle of attempting great things for God, that we shall have a corresponding faith which expects great things from him. There is nothing too hard for the Lord, and he is moving on in his providences, and by his Spirit to manifest the fulness of his merciful purposes toward the world. May we so wisely apprehend our part in this work that we shall fully accomplish the same and come to apprehend, as a people, that for which we are apprehended of him.

LABORS OF RETURNED MISSIONARIES

The results from the labors of our returned missionaries, Miss Emma Appling, Mrs. Lillie Agnew and Miss Clara Leffingwell, have been very encouraging and have tended to increase the missionary intelligence and zeal of our people and others.

THE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL REPORT

During the past year your secretary has held missionary meetings in thirteen conferences, labored in six camp-meetings, assisted in holiness conventions and revival services in several states, and attended a number of conferences. In doing this work he has traveled 10,779 miles. He is very thankful to the Lord for strength which has been given him for service.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FOREIGN MILSIONARIES

Rev. J. P. Brodhead	Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa
Mrs. J. P. Brodhead	" " " " "
Miss F. Grace Allen	" " " " "
Rev. Jules Ryff	" " " " "
Mrs. Elizabeth E. E. Ryff	" " " " "
W. A. Backenstoe, M. D.	" " " " "
Mrs. Mary S. Backenstoe	" " " " "
Miss Lucy A. Hartman	Enquabeni, Alfred county, " " "
Miss Margaret A. Nickel	" " " " " "
Mr. Nathanael B. Smith	Izingolweni, via. Shepstone, " " "
Mrs. Nathanael B. Smith	" " " " " "
Mr. Carroll Smith	Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, " "
Mrs. Rosa Hunter Smith	" " " " " "
Mr. J. W. Haley	Inhambane. " "

Mrs. G. H. Agnew.....Spring Arbor, Michigan
Rev. J. T. Taylor.....Wun, Province of Berar, via. Warora, India
Mrs. Margaret E. Taylor..... " " " " " "
Miss Rose Cox..... " " " " " "
Mr. M. C. Clarke.....Yeotmal, Province of Berar, "
Mrs. M. C. Clarke..... " " " "
Miss Effie L. Southworth..... " " " "
Miss Mary E. Chynoweth..... " " " "
Miss Emma Appling..... " " " "
Rev. W. F. Matthewson.....5304 Ishigatsuji Cho Tennoji Minami Ku, Osaka, Japan
Mrs. Minnie W. Matthewson..... " " " " " " " "
Mr. August Youngren.....Sumoto, Awaji, "
Mrs. August Youngren..... " " "

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NATIVE WORKERS

Rev. Teikich Kawabe.....5304 Ishigatsuji Cho Tennoji Minami Ku, Osaka, Japan
Mrs. Teikich Kawabe..... " " " " " " " "
Masala Myaose.....Umzumbi (Rail), Natal, South Africa

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GENERAL MISSIONARIES

Mrs. Martha B. Hart.....1117 Park avenue, Alameda, Califoraia
Mrs. Helen Hart Jones.....918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan
Mrs. Rebecca E. Sellew.....170 East Ninth street, Jamestown, New York
Mrs. Ida R. C. Winget.....14-16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois
Mrs. Blanche E. Stamp..... " " " " " "

TREASURER'S REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

From October 1, 1902, to October 1, 1903

RECEIPTS

October 1, 1902, to amount on hand	$ 4929 46	
To amount of receipts from circuits, etc., "general fund"	6302 09	
To amount from treasurer of W. F. M. S.	14067 99	
	$25299 54	
FOR SPECIAL FUNDS		
From W. F. M. S. for China	$ 2986 78	
" Estate of John Wilson (deceased) for Swedish mission	1200 00	
For India Orphans	1426 49	
For Africa children and native workers	650 96	
For Inhambane famine	146 22	
The amount for the treasurer to account for is		$31709 99
Amount received during the year	$26780 35	

DISBURSEMENTS

Japan Mission	$ 3500 83	
Johannesburg	1722 17	
Inhambane	1362 00	
Fairview and out stations	4953 92	
India	3913 70	
McMurry and wife for return passage	675 00	
Dr. Backerstoe for outfit, etc	325 00	
Two payments on land at Fairview	292 21	
Land and ocean freight and duties, insurance for box, 1902	295 24	
Paid for goods for boxes in excess of $58.25 received for goods from sundry persons	219 31	
Grace Allen for boat	50 00	
For traveling expenses outgoing missionaries; also expenses of J. Ryff, Clara Leffingwell, Mrs. Agnew, Emma Appling, holding meetings	296 50	
Error in crediting to foreign mission account	23 12	
For printing minutes of meetings	42 00	
Sundry bills for W. F. M. S	31 20	
Secretary's salary	520 00	
General salary account, order of general conference	160 00	
General expenses, including secretary's traveling expenses, expense of annual and directors' meetings, postage, stenographer, office expenses, etc	643 28	
Total in general fund	$19025 48	
SPECIAL FUNDS		
Amount paid India orphan fund	$ 1426 49	
" " Africa children and native workers	650 96	
Inhambane famine fund	146 22	
Grand total paid out		$21249 15
ON HAND		
October 1, 1903, amount on hand	$ 6274 06	
Amount on hand China fund	2986 78	
" " " Swedish mission	1200 00	
		$10460 84
		$31709 99

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1903–1904

AFRICA

INHAMBANE

Salary for one missionary	$ 250 00	
Salaries for 14 native evangelists	350 00	
Fare to Inhambane and return	75 00	
Taxes	40 00	
Emergency Fund	100 00	
New stove	30 00	
One new tank	50 00	
Fare of J. P. Brodhead to Inhambane and return	75 00	
For a new mission house at Chereni	1000 00	
Outfit and furnishings for a new missionary	125 00	
Salary for ten months—a new missionary	200 00	
		$ 2295 00

FAIRVIEW MISSION STATION—NATAL

For payments on 2300 acres of land	$ 310 00	
Salaries for three missionaries	750 00	
Appropriation for two children	50 00	
For coolie labor	200 00	
Robert's salary	180 00	
Emergency Fund	200 00	
Assistant teacher for station school	50 00	
Stephen and Martha's salaries	170 00	
Miss Sanford	50 00	
Extra for Girl's Home school	100 00	
Salaries for four new missionaries	1000 00	
Outfit and furnishings for three missionaries	350 00	
Fares and incidental expenses of three missionaries	750 00	
		$ 4160 00
Less hut rents	$ 32500	
Less produce sold	287 00	
Less Government School Grant	250 00	
		$ 862 00
		$ 3298 00

ITEMBI MISSION STATION—NATAL

Salaries for two missionaries	$ 500 00	
Wages for native teacher	50 00	
Wages for two native evangelists	240 00	
Rent for Ebenezer station	70 00	
Emergency Fund	50 00	
Payment on 500 acres of land	62 50	
Material for native evangelist's house	50 00	
		$ 1022 50
Less hut rents	35 00	
Less produce sold	25 00	
		$ 60 00
		$ 962 50

EDWALENI MISSION—NATAL

Salaries for two missionaries	$ 500 00	
Appropriation for child	25 00	
Wages for native teacher	50 00	
Wages for native evangelist	120 00	
Emergency Fund	50 00	
Addition to dwelling house	150 00	
Payment on 300 acres of land	45 00	
Further improvements	50 00	
For refund on dwelling house paid out last year	125 00	
		$ 1115 00
Less hut rents	25 00	
		$ 1090 00

JOHANNESBURG—UMUSA MISSION STATION

Salaries for two missionaries	$ 500 00		
Emergency Fund	100 00		
Claim license, one year	15 00		
Extra for Johannesburg for one year	125 00		
Fare of J. P. Brodhead from Fairview to Germiston and return	25 00		
		$ 765 00	

EDWALENI MISSION—PONDOLAND

For dwelling house	$ 1000 00		
Native evangelist's salary	180 00		
Emergency Fund	50 00		
Further improvements	50 00		
For training school buildings	500 00		
		$ 1780 00	
Total for Africa			$ 10190 00

INDIA

Salaries of seven missionaries	$ 1750 00		
For one child	25 00		
For one building and land for a chapel at Wun	250 00		
For a contingent fund for Wun	75 00		
Incidental fund for Wun	25 00		
For an industrial building for the boys at Yeotmal (from famine fund money)	2000 00		
For a wire fence and wood shed at Boys' Orphanage	60 00		
Contingent Fund for station at Yeotmal	150 00		
Incidental fund at Yeotmal	50 00		
For a site of a bungalow at Darwha	500 00		
For tonga and bullock cart shed at Yeotmal	100 00		
For traveling expenses of five missionaries: M. C. and Ethel H. Clarke, J. T. and Margaret E. Taylor, and Mary E. Chynoweth—to the hills during the coming hot season —$20 each. Total	100 00		
Emma Appling's fare and incidental expenses from Chicago, Illinois, to Yeotmal, India	250 00		
Outfit and furnishings	125 00		
Salary for one year	250 00		
Salaries for additional missionaries (for two)	400 00		
Their outfits and furnishings (for two)	200 00		
Their fares and incidental expenses (for two)	500 00		
		$ 6810 00	
Total for India			$ 6810 00

JAPAN

Salaries of four missionaries	$ 1000 00		
For rent of houses for them	250 00		
Allowance for two children	50 00		
For rent of house for meeting and for Kawabe at Osaka	150 00		
For commencing work at Sumoto	100 00		
For the native work and workers on the Island of Awaji	350 00		
For a contingent fund	300 00		
		$ 2200 00	
Total for Japan			$ 2200 00

CHINA

It was estimated that it will need $7000 in order to send out eight missionaries to China and meet their need in commencing and establishing the work. A part of this amount is already provided and Miss Clara Leffingwell is authorized to travel throughout the church and raise the balance needed, and secure the desired number of missionaries		$ 7000 00	
Total for China			$ 7000 00

OTHER EXPENSES

To be appropriated by officers of the board if needs require	$ 300 00	
For office and traveling expenses	350 00	
Salary of secretary	520 00	
Publishing the Proceedings	35 00	
Contingent expenses	230 00	
	$ 1435 00	
Total expenses		$ 1435 00

RECAPITULATION

Africa	$10190 00	
India	6810 00	
Japan	2200 00	
China	7000 00	
Other expenses	1435 00	
		$ 27635 00

GENERAL MISSIONS

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS WERE MADE FOR 1903–1904, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD, OCTOBER 16, 1903

Conference	Amount
ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI.—To the district elder of Fairplay and Nevada districts, $100; to the district elder of Harrison, West Plains and Beebe districts, $60. Total	$ 160 00
CALIFORNIA.—Chico, $60; Santa Rosa and Windsor, $20; Gilroy and Morgan Hill, $50. Total	130 00
COLUMBIA RIVER.—To the district elder, for use as in his judgment is thought best	75 00
COLORADO.—To the district elder for the work in Utah, $40; to the district elder of the Southern district for his own use, $50. Total	90 00
IOWA.—For the work at Des Moines	50 00
MISSOURI.—To each district elder, $50. Total	100 00
MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA.—To the English speaking society at Minneapolis and St. Paul, $50; to Bonair circuit, $40; to Mapleton circuit, $35. Total	125 00
MICHIGAN.—To Battle Creek circuit	50 00
NORTH MICHIGAN.—To Stanton circuit, $25; to St. Louis circuit, $15. Total	40 00
NORTH DAKOTA.—To Jamestown circuit, $40; to Fargo circuit, $40. Total	80 00
NEBRASKA.—To Lincoln circuit	40 00
NORTH MINNESOTA.—To the district elder of the conference	40 00
NORTH INDIANA.—To Mishawaka circuit, $25; to Fremont circuit, $15. Total	40 00
OIL CITY.—To the New Castle and Meadville districts to be used by the district elder in the work, $50; to Coudersport, Pennsylvania, $50. Total	100 00
OREGON.—To be apportioned by the district elder as the needs of the work require (to be sent to W. Pearce), $50: to District Elder Dollarhide for his own needs, $50. Total	100 00
OHIO.—For Chicago Junction, $40; for Youngstown, $75. Total	115 00
PLATTE RIVER.—To C. H. Foe, district elder	40 00
SUSQUEHANNA.—For the work at St. Albans, Vermont (send it to W. H. Clark)	100 00
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—To the district elder of Arizona district, $40; to the pastor at Santa Paula, $50; to the pastor at Arroyo Grande, Nipoma and Santa Maria, $40; to the pastor at Artesia and Cypress schoolhouse, $40. Total	170 00
SOUTH DAKOTA.—To each of the two district elders, $3 per month, $60; to O. A. Harpel, pastor at Faulkton, $3 per month, $20; for G. W. Austin, evangelist, $2 per month, $20. Total	100 00
WABASH.—To Danville Mission	100 00
WEST IOWA.—To Council Bluffs charge, $25; to Scranton and Hobb's schoolhouse charge, $25. Total	50 00
WEST KANSAS.—To the Ness City, Loures and Leoti circuit, $40; to the Paradise, Plainville, Asbury and Hayes City circuit, $15. Total	55 00
WEST ONTARIO.—Toward the support of the laborer appointed to the New Ontario Mission, $50; to the district elder of the Manitoba and Northwest district, $100; to each of the two district elders of the Sarnia and Tilsonburg districts, and the Hamilton and Brantford districts, $25. Total	200 00
WASHINGTON.—To assist District Elder Smalley, $100; for Whatcom, $50; for the Ellensburg work, $20. Total	170 00
TEXAS.—To the district elder to be used on the San Antonio district—signed by district elder and pastor at San Antonio	75 00
OKLAHOMA.—For Guthrie, $150; for Oklahoma City, $150	300 00

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

Incidental Expenses	$ 220 00	
Secretary's Salary	180 00	
W. G. Hanmer's Salary	500 00	
C. W. Stamp's Salary	500 00	
		$1400 00
Total		$4095 00

TREASURER'S REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONS

From October 1, 1902, to October 1, 1903

To receipts from October 1, 1902, to October 1, 1903	$4188 12	

DISBURSEMENTS

October 1, by amount overdrawn (1902)		$ 611 17
Appropriations paid as follows:		

CONFERENCE		CONFERENCE	
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 80 00	North Minnesota	$ 36 00
Arkansas and Southern Missouri made at general conference	80 00	Ohio	50 00
California	75 00	Oil City	100 00
Colorado	210 00	Oklahoma	120 00
Columbia River	60 00	Oregon	100 00
East Michigan	48 00	Pittsburg	72 00
East Ontario	40 00	Platte River	50 00
Iowa	60 00	Southern California	255 00
Kentucky and Tennessee	40 00	South Dakota	100 00
Louisiana	50 00	Texas	100 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	155 00	Wabash	50 00
Missouri	50 00	Washington	65 00
Nebraska	90 00	West Iowa	50 00
New York	40 00	West Kansas	125 00
North Dakota by general conference	50 00	West Ontario	150 00
North Indiana	75 00	Wisconsin	80 00
North Michigan	40 00	North Indiana balance of 1902	5 00
		Paid to W. G. Hanmer	700 00
		B. Winget, salary and other expenses	268 65
			$ 4350 82
Overdrawn		$ 152 70	

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Over paid to October 1		$ 152 70
Amount received to date	$ 371 56	
Amount estimated	170 00	541 56
Surplus		$ 388 86

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

(Incorporated June 19. 1895)

1. Corporate name—"The General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America."

2. Object—"To collect, receive, hold, expend, pay out and dispose of any property, real or personal, or of whatsoever nature, and wherever situated, as allowed by law that may be given, obtained, or held in aid of the general missionary work of the Free Methodist church, either on the home or foreign field."

The Master's great "Commission" calls for more laborers. Who will help the board to send them forth?

FORMS OF BEQUEST

Bequest for Missions.—"I give and bequeath to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, incorporated under the general law of the State of Illinois, the sum of [here state the amount]; and the receipt of the treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same."

If it be a devise of land the following form should be observed: "I give and devise [here give the title of the board as above] the following lands and premises: that is to say [brief description here], to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said board, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequests to the Church Extension Board the same as the foregoing except the name of the board.

THE BETTER WAY

A better way to aid these general benevolences of the church, if possible, is to make your gifts while you live, according to the following form. We have had several lawsuits to secure bequests and have failed of getting six or eight thousand dollars which was willed to the missionary board.

General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America

14-16 North May Street, Chicago, Ill.

I.....of.....

hereby donate and deliver upon the conditions named herein.....

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to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, for the purposes and objects for which said corporation was incorporated.

In consideration of such donation the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America agrees to pay said..... .....during.....life interest annually at.... .....per cent. on said principal sum. In case of sickness or disability, by giving three months' notice, said Board agrees to pay, at any one time, an amount not exceeding..... ..... of said principal sum of..... to supply the special needs of.....and give .....a proper support and maintenance. Additional demands may be made by said.....for payments from the principal to meet.....special needs, but such calls shall not be oftener than once in three months.

All of the principal and interest of the beforementioned donation remaining in the hands of said Board at the time of my death, shall be absolutely in the hands of the Board, to be used as it may judge best for Missionary purposes, no reversion of principal or interest to my heirs after my decease.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seal this..... day of.....19.....

Signed and delivered in the presence of

.....(SEAL.)

.....(SEAL.)

.....(SEAL.)

For further information address the treasurer or secretary, Chicago, Illinois, 14 North May Street.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONS

RECEIPTS, OCTOBER 1, 1902, TO OCTOBER 1, 1903

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	Deficit	Surplus
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 33 45	$ 26 15	$ 7 30	
California	38 40	38 40		
Central Illinois	219 15	219 15		
Colorado	51 00	51 75		$ 75
Columbia River	28 95	28 05	90	
East Michigan	251 85	251 85		
East Ontario	88 80	88 80		
Genesee	220 35	220 35		
Illinois	152 25	152 25		
Iowa	117 00	117 00		
Kansas	123 45	125 70		2 25
Kentucky and Tennessee	28 35	23 16	5 19	
Louisiana	18 45	18 45		
Michigan	137 55	138 84		1 29
Minnesota and North Iowa	45 90	45 90		
Missouri	36 30	36 30		
Nebraska	60 30	60 30		
New York	154 50	154 50		
North Dakota	20 85	21 15		30
North Indiana	54 15	53 55	60	
North Michigan	251 70	251 70		
North Minnesota	42 60	31 27	11 33	
Ohio	126 90	126 90		
Oil City	243 00	244 80		1 50
Oklahoma	51 60	51 60		
Oregon	58 20	59 10		90
Pittsburg	176 70	176 70		
Platte River	61 35	61 35		
Southern California	55 05	55 05		
South Dakota	67 50	67 50		
Susquehanna	204 75	204 75		
Texas	82 65	82 65		
Wabash	119 40	119 40		
Washington	68 85	68 85		
West Iowa	91 20	91 20		
West Kansas	106 50	106 50		
West Ontario	87 15	87 15		
Wisconsin	121 55	121 55		
Total	$ 3898 65	$ 3879 62	$ 25 32	$ 6 99

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

This society is auxiliary to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church

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QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF TREASURER.—RECEIPTS BY CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Fifth Year To June 1, '03	Total
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	.....	$ 13 40	$ 8 97	.....	.....	$ 22 73
California	$ 137 32	251 64	157 50	$ 195 19	$ 431 74	1173 39
Central Illinois	88 11	128 60	166 90	212 60	107 51	703 72
Colorado	150 88	393 09	341 07	517 79	290 59	1693 42
Columbia River	149 34	150 89	59 13	116 85	131 03	607 24
East Michigan	197 32	221 03	171 13	465 73	100 23	1155 44
East Ontario	139 06	159 47	180 31	250 51	122 08	851 43
Genesee	612 02	946 32	784 15	1025 30	413 09	3780 88
Illinois	403 03	390 59	866 72	669 69	292 54	2622 57
Iowa	115 90	172 85	119 65	321 81	20 00	750 21
Kansas	158 86	567 75	173 40	383 25	141 65	1424 91
Kentucky and Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan	188 15	375 79	244 05	166 92	117 37	1092 28
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	93 20	113 74	13 25	26 00	10 00	256 19
Missouri	23 00	33 00	.....	7 50	.....	63 50
Nebraska	36 60	177 57	81 22	104 34	24 25	423 98
New York	37 50	142 25	137 31	116 00	25 00	458 06
North Dakota	.....	92 50	32 58	155 42	83 53	364 03
North Indiana	32 24	7 46	57 00	23 00	16 23	135 93
North Michigan	.....	18 00	54 80	173 35	44 90	291 05
North Minnesota	34 75	131 78	71 90	105 68	26 78	370 89
Ohio	295 49	536 08	470 74	491 02	69 75	1863 08
Oil City	.....	1251 44	2140 19	1065 20	764 41	5221 24
Oklahoma	.....	73 38	188 76	215 48	139 80	617 42
Oregon	235 05	229 60	183 73	305 32	158 27	1111 97
Pittsburg	2896 19	1425 80	1453 98	2011 53	1203 50	8991 00
Platte River	172 82	172 13	75 65	56 05	98 01	574 66
South Dakota	208 50	337 06	277 03	453 75	188 72	1465 06
Southern California	106 35	129 83	195 66	328 62	133 15	893 61
Susquehanna	422 87	448 29	417 37	437 63	154 46	1880 64
Texas	7 50	50 20	52 65	58 46	78 40	247 21
Wabash	78 87	146 70	152 26	143 15	23 67	544 65
Washington	352 58	754 43	579 58	714 95	792 85	3194 39
West Iowa	242 23	431 72	305 88	288 52	63 62	1331 97
West Kansas	318 83	409 01	540 09	498 96	325 87	2092 76
West Ontario	305 63	567 10	430 80	653 72	397 53	2354 78
Wisconsin	305 70	523 31	453 75	475 40	119 23	1877 39
Individual accounts	.....	9 50	.....	.....	.....	9 50
Collection at general conference	20 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 95
Delegates' expenses	27 45	18 83	24 00	217 30	152 49	440 07
Interest	.....	10 00	.....	.....	136 48	7146 48
Total	$ 8594 29	$12012 13	$11663 16	$13452 01	$ 7398 73	$53120 32

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF TREASURER.

From October 1, 1898 to June 1, 1903

Year	Foreign Missions	India Orphan and Native Workers Fund	Delegates Expenses	Paul	Famine Fund	Africa Orphan and Native Worker	Haviland Memorial Fund	Interest	Native Worker In Japan	Total
First..	$ 8287 19	$ 264 90	$ 27 45	$ 14 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 8594 29
Second	8112 95	337 56	18 83	.....	$ 2347 12	$ 36 00	$ 1149 67	$ 10 00	.....	12012 13
Third..	10274 99	1005 88	24 00	.....	82 25	48 50	227 54	.....	.....	11663 16
Fourth	11704 91	1399 55	217 30	.....	.....	173 25	.....	.....	$ 37 00	13452 01
Fifth..	6322 42	455 40	152 49	.....	.....	331 94	.....	136 48	.....	7398 73
Total..	$ 44702 46	$ 3383 29	$ 440 07	$ 14 75	$ 2429 37	$ 589 69	$ 1377 21	$ 146 48	$ 37 00	$ 53120 32

DISBURSEMENTS

FIRST YEAR—From October 1, 1898 to October 1, 1899

Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro for foreign missions	$ 7458 49	
" " " " India Orphan fund	264 90	
" " " " Paul	14 75	
Paid to contingent account	828 70	
		$ 8594 29

SECOND YEAR—From October 1, 1899, to October 1, 1900

Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro for foreign missions	$ 7301 87	
" " " " famine fund	2347 12	
" " " " Haviland memorial fund	1149 67	
" " " " India orphan fund	337 56	
" " " " Africa orphan fund	36 00	
Paid to contingent account	811 08	
On hand delegates' expenses and interest	28 83	
		$12012 13

THIRD YEAR—From October 1, 1900, to October 1, 1901

Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro for foreign missions	$ 9247 50	
" " " " India orphan fund	1005 88	
" " " " Africa orphan fund	48 50	
" " " " famine fund	82 25	
" " " " Haviland memorial fund	227 54	
Paid to contingent account	1027 49	
On hand delegates' expenses	24 00	
		$11663 16

FOURTH YEAR—From October 1, 1901, to October 1, 1902

Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro for foreign missions	$10534 44	
" " " " India orphan fund	1234 55	
" " " " native worker in India	85 00	
" " " " Africa orphan fund	97 25	
" " " " native worker in Africa	76 00	
" " " " " " " Japan	37 00	
Paid to contingent account	1170 47	
On hand delegates' expenses	217 30	
		$13452 01

FIFTH YEAR—From October 1, 1902, to June 1, 1903

Paid to S. K. J. Chesbro for foreign missions	$ 5690 [illegible]9	
" " " " India orphan fund	455 40	
" " " " Africa orphan and native worker	331 94	
Paid to contingent account	632 23	
On hand delegates' expenses	152 49	
Interest from Illinois Trust and Savings Bank	136 48	
		$ 7398 73
		$53120 32

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1902 to October 1, 1903

CALIFORNIA—$538.34

Mrs. Elise Winter	$ 100 00
Mrs. Ina M. Baird	372 74
Mrs. Edith M. Johnson	25 60
Mrs. E. P. Hart	40 00

CENTRAL ILLINOIS—$379.92

Mrs. Emma Ahlemeyer	$ 226 47
Beryl B. Bishop	15 00
Melissa Heyde	54 45
William Murden	5 00
W. B. Fink	5 00
Ella Pearson	2 00
S. P. Crouch	10 00
J. W. Sharpe's daughter	10 00
Washington Sherman	20 00
F. H. Ashcraft	10 00
William and Elizabeth Harding	20 00
Birdie Rockwell	2 00

COLORADO—$496.55

Hattie J. Handysides	$ 429 05
Mrs. E. E. Miller	10 00
J. F. Garrett	15 00
Ellen A. Crouch	15 00
Denver Society	15 00
Mrs. Lillie A. Howeth	7 50
Carl L. Howland	5 00

COLUMBIA RIVER—$168.00

H. Luella Betts	$ 168 00

EAST ONTARIO—$289.43

Emma Snyder	$ 242 35
C. A. Fox	15 00
Charles Cunningham	16 40
Mrs. S. Y. Gunter	15 68

EAST MICHIGAN—$398.53

Mrs. Mattie J. Hoyt	$ 196 92
Mrs. D. P. Morse	15 00
Jennie Churchill	1 00
Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Warren	2 00
Mrs. H. B. Van Tine	1 00
Mary E. Sharpe	101 87
Mrs. J. L. Price	6 00
Mrs. E. Steer	7 10
Mrs. Florence A. Calkins	47 64
Phebe C. Proper	20 00

GENESEE—$1175.62

Agnes D. Derby	$ 1145 62
Rev. and Mrs. William Manning	10 00
M. C. Burritt	10 00
A. H. Bennett	10 00

ILLINOIS—$840.27

Mrs. Emma H. Behner	$ 512 02
Mrs. M. Ross	18 29
Mrs. C. Dutro	28 07
Chicago Juniors	18 00
Mrs. D. W. Rose	19 86
Mrs. May Kiltz	15 00
Mrs. Alice M. Riddell	150 98
Mrs. Lydia Robinson	75 05

IOWA—$181.09

Mrs. Myrtle H. Fish	$ 108 47
Martha A. Burkey	10 00
Mrs. Lewis Mendenhall	31 00
Mrs. H. E. Rinehart	22 49
W. E. Stewart	4 13
H. L. Upton	5 00

KANSAS—$355.15

Mrs. Fannie T. Martin	$ 307 18
L. L. Vorhees	47
Jennie Sines	30 00
Mrs. Ida Shires	5 00
E. R. Ford	12 50

MICHIGAN—$255.85

Katie C. Martin	$ 223 66
Miss Jennie Walls	22 19
D. S. Warner	10 00

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA—$41.50

Mrs. Lillian R. Wheeler	20 00
Mrs. Alice Jones	4 00
S. Ada Hall	17 50

NEBRASKA—$207.35

Emma Wells	$ 143 69
Mrs. Ella Corey	13 66
F. G. Bursch	50 00

NEW YORK—$110.55

Frederick Wurster	$ 25 00
A. G. Reed	9 64
W. B. Bertels	20 00
Miss Clara Jensen	13 75
C. O. Schantz	39 16
Sylvia B. Logan	3 00

NORTH DAKOTA—$172.73

Mrs. Fannie Heath	$ 165 23
Mary E. Greeno	7 50

NORTH INDIANA—$137.97

Mrs. Kate Grant	$ 136 97
Mrs. S. F. Bowser	1 00

NORTH MICHIGAN—$102.10

Mrs. Mertie Francisco	$ 92 10
Mrs. H. D. F. Gaffin	10 00

NORTH MINNESOTA—$70.69

Mary Woodward	$ 60 56
Lizzie L. Aldrich	10 13

OHIO—$222.47

Mrs. F. L. Hall	$ 214 47
Mrs. M. E. Bolton	3 00
Sarah Beede	5 00

OIL CITY—$1826.73

Mrs. Stella Robertson	$ 1184 06
J. E. Berkheimer	407 38
Adelaide Benedict	40 00
Mrs. J. Roupe	10 00
Mrs. W. A. Sellew	5 00
M. B. Miller	10 00
Margaret Call	160 39
R. A. Zahniser	10 00

OKLAHOMA—$209.85

Mrs. Marilla S. Freer	$ 181 25
Mrs. Alice Anderson	9 60
Mrs. Rosanna E. Richards	7 00
Cora B. Seacord	12 00

OREGON—$267.47

Mrs. H. V. Haslam	$ 220 84
Mrs. Phebe Ward	37 13
Mrs. Nancy E. Mason	9 50

PITTSBURG—$1853.53

Mrs. H. L. Speer	$ 1759 08
Mrs. Agnes O. Lambert	50 00
Mrs. R. M. Dawson	15 00
Blanche E. Stamp	64 45

PLATTE RIVER—$226.64

Alice M. Elison	$ 226 64

SOUTH DAKOTA—$273.53

Mrs. Fannie M. McMullen	$ 200 32
Mrs. W. W. Smith	23 00
Junior Band	15 10
W. N. Vennard	15 00
Mitchell Sunday-school	5 11
J. C. Keen	15 00

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—$441.35

Mrs. C. R. Freeland	$ 298 22
Mrs. N. R. Ulrich	24 10
Mrs. L. A. Sperrow	94 03
Ira Engel	25 00

SUSQUEHANNA—$802.33

Mrs. C. A. Labrum	$ 591 71
Louisa Hunter	12 00
Mrs. E. K. Ghent	2 00
Mrs. George White	1 00
Mrs. M. A. Storey	45 62
M. C. Root	50 00
Helen E. Bliss	100 00

TEXAS—$99.65

Mrs. S. J. McCulloch	$ 79 75
H. E. Thompson	19 90

WABASH—$247.51

Daisy Fritchey	$ 159 51
Nellie Allen	88 00

WASHINGTON—$1286.26

Mrs Maggie E. Burrows	$ 860 15
Mrs. Ella Colson	30 00
Seattle, First Church	20 00
Seattle, Second Church	36 55
Green Lake	20 00
Mt. Vernon	5 00
Edmunds	30 00
Everett	26 90
Tacoma	8 35
Mrs. J. W. Tuttle	15 00
William Mason	55 00
Arlington	15 00
Mrs. E. Meacham	15 00
A. E. Moreland	6 20
Green Lake Juniors	10 00
Susan Eva	7 80
Mrs. Francis Rancere	13 40
H. Luella Betts	53 91
Adelaide L. Beers	15 00
Mrs. Emma Perry	43 00

WEST IOWA—$246.86

Winnie Myler	$ 196 86
Mrs. Minerva Wray	50 00

WEST ONTARIO—$679.70

Mrs. Hannah Eagle	$ 679 70

WEST KANSAS—$826.49

Mrs. Sarah Srader	$ 618 59
Elizabeth Archer	10 00
Mrs. Viola M. Ogg	30 00
Margaret A. Cook	167 90

WISCONSIN—$641.88

Mrs. Minnie Doubleday	$ 422 38
Mrs. Grace J. Webb	15 00
B. J. Vincent	7 79
Fannie Martin	34 60
E. J. Roberts	8 00
Mary Roberts	154 11

MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS—$203.67

W. W. Bemis and wife	$ 36 00
Clara Leffingwell	10 00
Collections and subscriptions paid at general conference, not otherwise reported	157 67

Delegates' Expenses	$ 412 06
Interest	136 48

RECEIPTS

Raised for Foreign Missions	$ 14874 94
Raised for India Orphan Fund	706 92
Raised for Africa Orphans and Native Workers	594 48
Raised for Inhambane Famine Fund	71 22
Raised for Native Worker in China	30 00
Raised for Delegates' Expenses	412 06
Interest on Contingent Fund	136 48
Total	$ 16826 10

LILLIAN CAMP JENSEN, Treasurer.

16 North May street, Chicago, Illinois.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

From October 1, 1902, to October 1, 1903.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES	Date of Organization	District Societies	Local Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Junior Societies	Junior Members	Missionary Tidings Taken
California	1895	2	7	123	15	2	35	144
Central Illinois	1896	2	5	168		1	30	
Colorado	1896	1	5	73	20			26
Columbia River	1890	2	3	61	22		24	37
East Michigan	1896	4	15	196	47		77	
East Ontario	1896							
Genesee	1894	5	35	525	74	2	18	223
Illinois	1895	4	24	361	36		12	25
Iowa	1894	3	19	65	11			
Kansas	1892	5	10	136	22	1	7	30
Michigan			5	89	22			
Minnesota and Northern Iowa			4	108				
Missouri								
Nebraska								
North Dakota	1898	1	4	44	25		10	41
North Indiana	1895	2	7	110	19	1	28	115
North Michigan			8	23				
North Minnesota		1	3					
Ohio	1892	2	8	88	28	3	30	
Oil City	1899	4	37	444	182	8	132	
Oklahoma	1894	2	3	38	21		5	
Oregon	1896	3	11	80	20	2	24	119
Pittsburg	1892	5	32	517	269	6	203	205
Platte River	1896	2	5	76	24			
Southern California	1893	1	6	93	28	2	30	26
South Dakota	1892	3	7	102	20		39	
Susquehanna	1894	7	25	293	49		78	151
Texas	1898	1	2	12	12			
Wabash	1896	2	3	60		1		
Washington	1896	2	15	195	80	4	60	105
West Iowa	1895	2	5					
West Kansas	1896							
West Ontario	1896	4	27	351	269	1	12	33
Wisconsin	1891	6	22	296	64	6	55	150
Total		78	362	4677	1379	40	929	1430

Greenville, Illinois.

MRS. ELLA MCGEARY, Corresponding Secretary.

FREE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES, APRIL 1, 1903

RESOURCES

Estimated value of May Street property (after deducting value of lease with the First Free Methodist church of Chicago, namely $4000)		$ 12000 00
Four lots in Harvey, Illinois (estimated value)		500 00
Ledger Accounts receivable		4000 00
Estimated value of Machinery, Electro Plates, Type, Furniture and Fixtures		3000 00
Sunday-school Department. Purchase price (actual value is greater)		2750 00
Value of Book Department (including books and ledger accounts receivable)		7122 77
Due from Orleans Seminary		2314 62
Notes receivable		400 00
Mortgage receivable		350 00
Estimated value of FREE METHODIST at $1 per subscriber	$6000 00	
Less estimated amount due to subscribers for subscriptions paid in advance	5000 00	1000 00
Cash on hand		9931 33
Total		$ 43551 34

LIABILITIES

Ledger accounts payable		$ 6156 50
Trust funds		2267 30
Surplus		35127 54
	$ 43551 34	$ 43551 34

This statement shows that the net worth of the publishing house interests on April 1, 1903, was $35,127.54, a gain of $14,675.34 since October, 1898. The church contributed or donated to the publishing house $17,674.39. Since the general conference held at Greenville in 1894, this amount of $17,674.39 is included in the above amount of $35,127.54, which shows that since 1894 the publishing house has gained $17,453.15 in profits from the business transacted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES O. SCHANTZ,
Auditor of Executive Committee.

CHURCH FUNDS

TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1902

FOREIGN MISSIONS

RECEIPTS

To amount on hand October 1, 1898	$ 3296 80	
To amount receipts 1898–99	10535 41	
To amount receipts 1899–1900	11625 52	
To amount receipts 1900–1901	11501 14	
To amount receipts 1901–1902	15315 36	
To amount Haviland Fund net receipts turned over to General Fund	1121 38	
		$ 53395 61

Included in the above is the amount paid by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as follows:

In 1898–1899	$ 6402 25
In 1899–1900	8216 97
In 1900–1901	8446 55
In 1901–1902	11620 32
	$ 34686 09

DISBURSEMENTS

By amount sent to Africa		$ 27299 75
By amount sent to India		12473 58
By amount sent to Japan		2138 85
By amount paid to returned missionaries and expenses in this country		667 83
By amount W. F. M. S		182 58
By amount goods for boxes, freight, insurance, duties		610 82
By amount invested by order of board		490 00
By amount secretary's salary, traveling expenses, expenses ordered by general conference, postage, printing, etc		4602 74
By amount on hand October 1, 1902		4929 46
	$ 53395 61	$ 53395 61
Additional receipts for Famine Fund	13843 15	
Additional receipts for India Orphans	6575 90	
Additional receipts for Africa Orphans	315 45	
Total for Foreign Fund	$ 74130 11	

Net amount paid out, $69,200.65.
Expenses, $4,602.74, or 6.65 per cent.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1902

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the year 1898–1899	$ 8220 25
For the year 1899–1900	7894 22
For the year 1900–1901	7381 50
For the year 1901–1902	7651 21
	$ 31147 18

Year	Paid claimants	Due claimants
1899	$ 6888 03	$ 145 36
1900	6690 44	112 44
1901	7383 77	35 23
1902	8703 43	16 40
Expenses	931 95	
	$ 30597 62	$ 309 43

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES

RECEIPTS

For the year 1898-1899	$ 4466 82
For the year 1899–1900	4454 21
For the year 1900–1901	4494 40
For the year 1901–1902	4605 41
	$ 18020 84

PAYMENTS

Paid E. P. Hart, 4 years' salary	$ 4400 00
Paid G. W. Coleman, 4 years' salary	4400 00
Paid B. R. Jones, 4 years' salary	4400 00
Paid W. A. Sellew, 4 years'salary	4400 00
Expenses	479 00
	$ 18079 00

GENERAL MISSIONS

RECEIPTS

For the year 1898–1899	$ 3277 78
For the year 1899–1900	3550 55
For the year 1900–1901	3612 12
For the year 1901-1902	3577 31
	$ 14017 46

DISBURSEMENTS

Appropriations paid	$ 10963 09
Amount paid W. G. Hanmer	2230 00
Amount paid B. Winget	640 00
Amount paid interest	60 00
Amount paid expenses	735 00
	$ 14368 00

Conference	APPROPRIATIONS Amount paid in four years	Deficit
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	$ 544 00	$ 39 44
California	435 00	
Central Illinois	282 00	59 74
Colorado	506 00	2 95
Columbia River	384 00	6 60
East Ontario	98 00	5 40
East Michigan	197 00	21 35
Genesee		77 01
Illinois	165 00	7 85
Iowa	148 00	12 07
Kansas	314 00	119 43
Kentucky and Tennessee	471 00	57 00
Louisiana	280 00	4 05
Michigan	180 00	7 65
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	497 00	15 84
Missouri	341 00	63 30
Nebraska	222 00	
New York	145 00	8 70
North Dakota	250 00	13 95
North Indiana	305 00	24 98
North Michigan	50 00	124 54
North Minnesota	119 00	17 38
Ohio	65 00	98 42
Oil City	240 00	
Oklahoma	170 00	
Oregon	381 00	27 50
Pittsburg	210 00	3 55
Platte River	372 00	7 00
South Dakota	490 00	19 97
Southern California	729 00	
Susquehanna	125 00	184 88
Texas	235 00	5 67
Wabash	188 00	56 76
Washington	335 00	6 12
West Iowa	175 00	
West Kansas	445 00	6 25
West Ontario	425 00	5 20
Wisconsin	389 00	44 30
	$ 10907 00	$1154 85

CHURCH EXTENSION

Deficit 1899	$ 541 13
Deficit 1900	448 15
Deficit 1901	349 40
Deficit 1902	372 98
	$ 1711 66

Three conferences had no appropriations:—

	Deficit
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	$ 5 50
North Indiana	28 78
Oklahoma	

RECEIPTS

1898–1899	$ 1997 45
1899–1900	1996 06
1900–1901	2294 51
1901–1902	2229 78
On hand 1898	709 19
	$ 9226 99

PAYMENTS

Conference	Churches		Deficit
Arkansas and Southern Missouri	2	100 00	40 52
California	1	100 00	4 50
Central Illinois	2	125 00	153 91
Colorado	1	50 00	8 29
Columbia River	1	50 00	21 80
East Michigan	4	260 00	111 91
East Ontario	7	430 00	12 54
Genesee	2	100 00	199 46
Illinois	2	250 00	29 45
Iowa	2	100 00	75 84
Kansas	2	160 00	53 87
Kentucky and Tennessee	3	135 00	27 68
Louisiana	1	20 00	13 48
Michigan	2	425 00	20 66
Missouri	1	125 00	70 16
Nebraska	4	290 00	21 13
New York	2	125 00	41 76
North Dakota	2	150 00	11 64
North Michigan	2	75 00	172 65
North Minnesota	2	105 00	26 75
Ohio	4	600 00	73 43
Oil City	8	670 00	3 85
Oregon	1	75 00	26 31
Pittsburg	6	205 00	1 42
Platte River	5	265 00	15 89
South Dakota	2	125 00	11 69
Southern California	3	250 00	12 20
Susquehanna	2	175 00	236 73
Texas	2	125 00	9 39
Wabash	4	255 00	66 92
Washington	5	825 00	
West Iowa	3	225 00	80
West Ontario	4	525 00	2 35
West Kansas	6	500 00	12 14
Wisconsin	2	135 00	
Expenses		771 91	
Total		$8901 91	$1591 12

ADDENDA

Columbia River.—"Miscellaneous":—The eighth session of the Columbia River conference was held in Tekoa, Washington, April 22-25, 1903. General Superintendent E. P. Hart presided and addressed the conference with ability and encouraging words for all. The pastors' reports show a loss of two in full connection but a gain of twelve probationers, making a net gain of ten during the year. While this report is not very encouraging numerically, yet when we consider all the things through which this conference has passed in the last few years there is room for hope, faith and courage to possess us all, and surely we need help from above. God is on hand and able to give needed grace. The conference claims were all paid in full with a surplus of $1.56 in the treasury. B. H. Alberts was elected ministerial delegate to the general conference and E. W. Achilles, reserve; Mrs. Eva E. Alberts, lay delegate, and Miss H. Luella Betts, reserve. The W. F. M. S., although much scattered and laboring against great difficulties, report $177.03 raised for foreign missions and $5.40 for delegates' expenses to the general conference. Miss H. Luella Betts was elected W. F. M. S. delegate to the general conference and Mrs. Eva E. Alberts, reserve. Conference raised $32 in cash for missions Sunday afternoon and $27 in subscriptions, besides enough to care for an orphan in Africa.

East Michigan.—The name of M. L. Bovee should appear as treasurer of the conference. His address is Davison, Michigan.

East Ontario.—The deficiencies reported in conference claims were provided for during the session of conference.

Michigan.—Under "Miscellaneous" should appear, "The stationing committee recommended that the General Missionary Board be asked to appropriate $75 for the Battle Creek circuit, and the conference approved such action."

Nebraska.—Treasurer's Report: General Missions, assessed and paid, $60.30; Home Missions, assessed and paid, $60.30; General Superintendents' Salaries, assessed and paid, $72.36; Church Extension, $40.20; Conference Claimants, assessed and paid, $120.60; Foreign Missions, $12.27; Educational Fund, $8.53; Children's Fund, $2.67; raised for expenses of conference, $9.20; raised for a needy pastor of the conference, $13.54; cash on Darwa Bungalow Fund, $26.

New York.—The address of Rev. J. W. Tamblyn is Rockville, Maryland.

Pittsburg.—The name of John H. Spears should appear in the list of local preachers. His address is Catawba, West Virginia. In the list of appointments for Greensburg district the tollowing should appear: Blairsville, H. L. Speer, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Platte River.—In the list of appointments for Orleans district should appear the name of B. B. Orr, Orleans, Nebraska, left without appointment to attend school.

ERRATA

Central Illinois.—The salary of W. C. Kelley, Dallas City and Carman circuit, should read $389.31, as some money was paid in after conference.

East Michigan.—The Ubly and Meade circuit paid for preacher's salary, $400.10; for district elder, $37.55.

East Ontario.—The amount raised by the W. F. M. S. on the Armadale circuit was $30 instead of $10. The number of members on the Westport and Maberly circuit is 29 instead of 37.

Kansas.—The name of the pastor on the Chapel Hill, Gypsum and Dry Creek circuit is J. W. Norris instead of J. W. Harris. The name of the pastor on the Neosho Rapids, Burlington and Olivet circuit should be W. Buchanan, instead of W. Buchana.

Kentucky and Tennessee.—The name of W. Foster should appear instead of J. M Keen as a member of the stationing committee.

Ohio.—The address of O. L. Stricker is Cridersville, Ohio, instead of Hume, Ohio.

Wisconsin.—The name of E. A. Wolf should appear as pastor of York Center circuit instead of district elder of York Center district.